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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

CHARTERS & MUNIMENTS

OF THE

Gresley Family

IN THE POSSESSION OF

SIR ROBERT GRESLEY, BART.,

AT DRAKELOWE.

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INTRODUCTION.

It is, perhaps, not too much to say that the family of Gresley of Drakelowe is one of the few families which remain that can boast of being settled at the same place and of possessing the same lands which were assigned to their ancestor in the *Domesday Record.* Its founder was Nigel de Toeni, called in *Domesday* "de Stafford", and subsequently from the place which he made his principal residence, "de Gresley", who, with his brothers Robert and Ralph, was among the followers of William the Conqueror into England. Their father, Roger de Toeni, Standard Bearer of Normandy, was descended from an uncle of Rollo, Duke of Normandy, and thus being of kin with their victorious leader, when the spoils were divided the three brothers received shares not inappropriate to their rank and position. Robert settling in Stafford, and called on that account "de Stafford", was the ancestor of that family of Stafford of which Humphrey was created Duke of Buckingham by Henry VI; Ralph was the ancestor of the Cliffords, and Nigel, to whom were allotted Drakelowe and eleven lordships in Derbyshire, with Morton and Kingsley in Staffordshire, taking up his abode at Gresley, in which township Drakelowe was, became the ancestor of the family of "de Gresley", of which Sir Robert Gresley, 11th Baronet, is the present representative.

At Gresley, thenceforth to be called Castle Gresley, William, Nigel's son, in the time of Henry I, built a castle, and near the castle founded a small priory of Black Canons of the order of St. Augustine. Other hamlets, in addition to Drakelowe, in the township of Gresley were Swadlingcote and Linton.

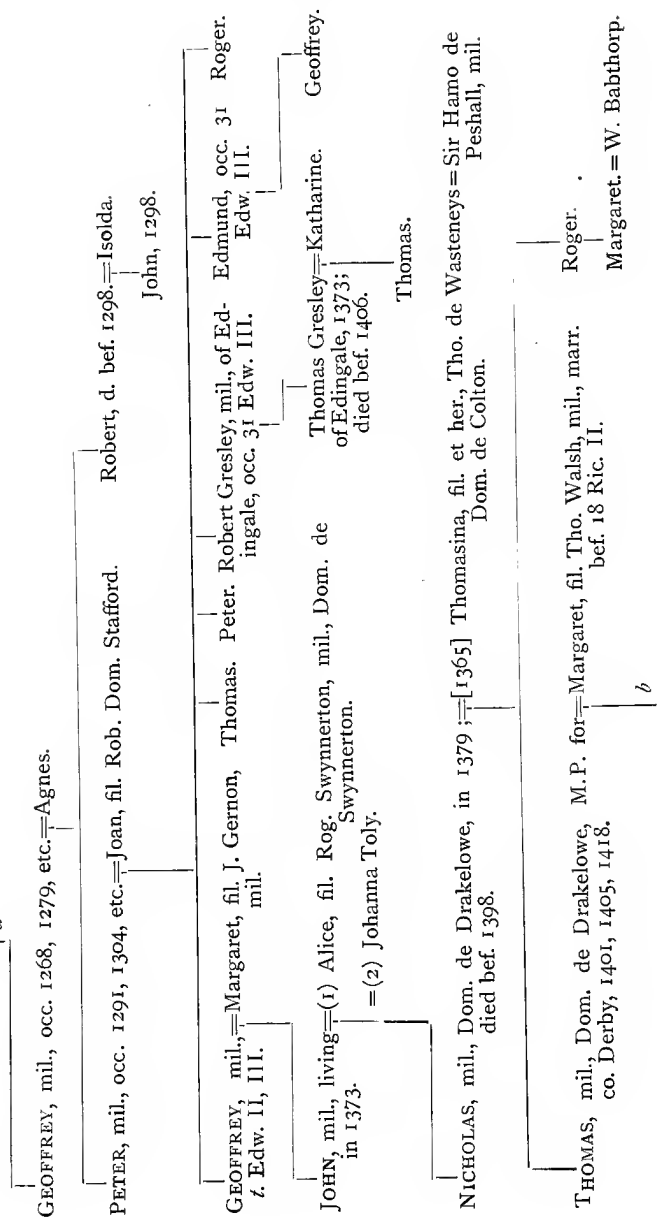
Besides William, Nigel had two sons, of whom Nicholas, marrying Margaret, the heiress of Longford, became the ancestor of the Longfords, and Robert, if we may conclude from a joint grant to Merivale Abbey, married Lettice de Ferrariis.

The accompanying pedigree has been compiled from the following sources, viz. (*a*) Nichols's *History of Leicestershire*, (*b*) Erdeswick's *Survey, etc., of Staffordshire* (several editions), (*c*) Pilkington's *View of Derbyshire*, ed. 1789, (*d*) The MS. in the Chetham Library, Manchester, known as the Gresley Chartulary, of which a short account will be found below, (*e*) a MS. pedigree by Eyton in Brit. Mus. Add. MS., 31,940, f. 211*b*, and (*f*) the Deeds in the present volume. It has, it is feared, some suspicious points about it, but it corrects a few errors made by Nichols, and goes to prove that the exhaustive account of the family given by Dr. Harwood in his additions to Erdeswick is considerably at fault; but we do not quite agree with Mr. Pym Yeatman, the learned and latest historian of Derbyshire, of whose work, unfortunately, only a few parts are yet printed, when he says that "the Gresley pedigree, like so many others, has been built up upon assumptions". Of his promise, however, to "test the truth of it" we wish a speedy fulfilment. It has been thought sufficient to carry it down to the creation of the baronetcy in 1611.

As far, however, as the present deeds are concerned, a very large majority relate to lands at Seal in Leicestershire. This place, variously spelt Sheile, Sheyle, Scheyle, etc., is divided into two townships, namely, Nether Seal, *al.* Great Seal, *al.* Church Seal, and Over Seal, *al.* Little Seal, *al.* Spital Seal. At the time of the general survey seven ploughlands in Scella and six ploughlands in another Scela were held by Robert under Henry de Ferrars. In the time of Henry I-II Nether Seal was held by a family which took its name from the place, and we find [No. 3] that about 1167 Ralph de Seila, with the sanction of his lord, William, Earl of Ferrars, sold the mill there with

NIGEL de Toeni. Called in *Domesday*, de Stafford and afterwards de Gresley.

- WILLIAM, fil. Nigel, *al.* de Gresley, founded Gresley Priory, held 4 fees of Ferrars, *t.* Hen. I, living *circ.* 1163; dead in 1166. = Elena.
  - ROBERT de Gresley, mil., held 4 fees of Ferrars in 1166. = Basilia.
    - WILLIAM, mil., occ. 1200. = Basilia (?)
      - GEOFFREY, mil., Constable "de Peco", Seneschal to W. Comes de Derby, early Hen. III. = Margery, fil. Matild. de Somervill.
        - WILLIAM, mil., occ. 1243 [Nos. 40, 73]; died bef. 52 Hen. III. = Elizabeth, fil. Johannis Bakepuz. *a*
        - Robert.
        - Geoffrey.
        - Agnes, nun at Belton, 1242 and prioress, 1262 [No. 99].
      - Henry, Rector of Lullington. = . . .
        - Geoffrey de Lullington, occ. 1276.
        - Henry de Lullington.
      - Agatha. = G. de Bec.
      - Alice. = Rich., fil. Gilberti.
    - Henry. = . . .
      - Nicholas de Norton, 1221, 1230.
  - Eugenulf de Gresley; dead in 1175. = Alina de Darlaston.
    - Robert de Gresley, succ. bef. 1175.
    - Dionisia. = S. de Wiuerston.
    - Petronilla. = Rob. de Suggenhall.
    - Hawise. = Henry de Verdun.
  - Nigel.
  - Henry de Wetmore occ. 1178.
    - Nicholas de Wetmore, 1190-1200.
  - William.
  - Ralph de Gresley, *al.* de Hethre, occ. *circ.* 1167. [Nos. 3, 4, 6, 7.]
- Nicholas de Gresley. = Margaret, heiress of Longford.
- Robert, fil. Nigel. = Lettice de Ferrariis.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GEOFFREY, mil., occ. 1268, 1279, etc.=Agnes.
PETER, mil., occ. 1291, 1304, etc.=Joan, fil. Rob. Dom. Stafford.
Robert, d. bef. 1298.=Isolda.
John, 1298.
GEOFFREY, mil.,=Margaret, fil. J. Gernon, mil.
t. Edw. II, III.
Thomas.
Peter. Robert Gresley, mil., of Edingale, occ. 31 Edw. III.
Edmund, occ. 31 Edw. III.
Roger.
Thomas Gresley=Katharine.
of Edingale, 1373; died bef. 1406.
Geoffrey.
Thomas.
JOHN, mil., living in 1373.=(1) Alice, fil. Rog. Swynnerton, mil., Dom. de Swynnerton.
=(2) Johanna Toly.
NICHOLAS, mil., Dom. de Drakelowe, in 1379 died bef. 1398.
;=[1365] Thomasina, fil. et her., Tho. de Wasteneys=Sir Hamo de Peshall, mil.
Dom. de Colton.
THOMAS, mil., Dom. de Drakelowe, co. Derby, 1401, 1405, 1418.
M.P. for=Margaret, fil. Tho. Walsh, mil., marr. bef. 18 Ric. II.
b
Roger.
Margaret.=W. Babthorp.

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- JOHN, mil., M.P. co. Stafford, 1453; M.P. co. Derby, 1461. = Margaret, fil. Sir Tho. Clarell.
  - JOHN, mil., *ob.* 1489. = Anne, dau. of Sir T. Stanley.
    - Sir THOMAS, Knt., High Sheriff of co. Staff., 1490. = Anne Ferrers.
      - Sir WILLIAM, Knt., *ob. s. p.* = 1497, Benet Vernon.
      - Sir GEORGE, K.B., 1534 : *ob.* 1548. = 1 Margaret Mulso. = 2 Cath. Dudley.
        - Sir WILLIAM, Knt., 1553; *ob.* 1573. = Cath. Aston of Tixall.
          - Sir THOMAS, Knt., 1603. = (1) Cath. Walsingham. = (2) Mary Paston (no issue).
            - Henry, *ob.* 1583.
            - GEORGE, 1st Bart., cr. 1611.
            - John.
            - William.
            - Walsingham.
            - Catharine.
            - Dorothy.
          - Hastings.
          - Simon (?).
          - Jane.
          - Mary.
          - Elizabeth.
          - Grace. = Sir Thos. Wolseley.
        - Catherine. = E. Winter.
        - Edward.
        - Thomas.
        - Elizabeth.
      - John, priest.
      - Robert.
      - James.
      - Elizabeth.
    - Alice. = J. Egerton.
    - . . . = T. Darell.
    - Anne. = Sir S. Mountford.
  - Catherine. = Sir W. Peyto
- Joan, nurse to Hen. VI. = Thos. Astley.
- Margaret. = Sir T. Blount.

four virgates to Ralph, fil. Will. de Gresele. By the time the Testa de Neville was compiled, the whole of both lordships had come to William de Ferrars, Earl of Derby, under whose fee it there occurs. From the time of that first acquisition by Ralph de Gresley, the family has possessed lands in Seal till the present century.

Other places where the Gresleys had possessions, of which many transactions are recorded in this volume, are Donisthorpe, which is partly in Leicestershire and partly in Derbyshire and Colton in Staffordshire. The former is found held by Nigel de Stafford in *Domesday*, while the latter was acquired on the marriage, in about 1365, of Sir Nicholas de Gresley with Thomasine, Domina de Colton, the heiress of the Wasteneys family. The Gresleys held land there as early as 1342 [cf. No. 256], though the principal Colton lordship came to the family as above described. A very excellent account of Colton has been written by Rev. F. P. Parker, Rector of Colton since 1874, and to it the present writer is much indebted for information on this part of the Gresley history. These deeds add but little to what he modestly calls "Some Account of Colton and of the De Wasteneys Family", but No. 400A seems to settle the very small point of a rector's name which is wrongly given in the Lichfield Registers.

Collections like the present one are usually expected with some reason, to supply particular information as to the Religious Houses of the locality. The compilers of Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum* had not often the facilities or the time to examine original evidence, and though much additional matter has been collected by modern editors of county and parochial histories, there is plenty of material in the muniment rooms of our ancient families as yet untouched, and only awaiting the fortunate student who, by whatever means, is able to gain access to them. Nor is the collection now under notice altogether disappointing in this respect, for the deeds give considerable particulars concerning two religious foundations,

Merivale Abbey, co. Warwick, and Gresley Priory. Henry de Ferrars who, according to the *Domesday Record*, held lands in fourteen counties, his chief possessions being in Derbyshire, where he held 114 manors, founded Merivale in the thirteenth year of Stephen. The earliest mention of it recorded herein is the confirmation of a grant of 120 acres of land by Ralph de Seila [cf. No. 1], and early in the time of Henry II a Gresley grants to the abbey for the salvation of the souls of his brothers, his wife, and his lord. From this time records of similar transactions are constant.

Of Gresley Priory, Dugdale's editors confessedly knew but little. The foundation is merely recorded, and no list of Priors is given. The Priory Seal was unknown to them. A later historian, the Rev. J. C. Cox, the well-known author of *Notes on the Churches of Derbyshire*, has collected much information about this House, and has compiled the following list of Priors, which is now further supplemented from the present volume, the additional particulars being included in square brackets :—

Walter, *circ.* 1200.
Richard, *circ.* 1250 ; *ob.* 1281 [*tempp.* Hen. III.—Edw. I].
William de Seyle, 1291.
Roger, 1310.
John Walrant, canon of Gresley, 1349.
John [de] Tuttebury, 1400 [*ob.* 1420, No. 402A].
William de Sancto Ivone [el. 13 Sept., 1420, No. 402C].
Simon[1] Balsham, 1420.
William Sayborne.
Richard Coventry, on death of Wm. Sayborne, 1438.
Thomas, 1450.
John Smyth, 1476.
Robert Mogge, on death of J. Smyth, 1493.
[Robert, 1510.]
[John, 1526.]
John Okely, 1536.

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[1] W. de S. Ivone must either have had a very short reign, or Mr. Cox must be in error.

The patronage or right of appointing to the office of Prior rested with the founder's family, and Nos. 402A-C record the proceedings incident on the death of a Prior in 1420, and the submitting of two names by the Canons to the head of the family, Sir Thomas Gresley, who is here called "patronus et noster legitimus advocatus", for him to select one.

Attention is called to the seal of the Priory attached to Deed No. 76, probably the only one in existence. For the following description I am indebted to my learned colleague, Mr. W. de Gray Birch. It represents St. George, the patron saint of the Priory, in a hauberk of mail, with continuous coif and *nasale* and a flowing surcoat; in his right hand a lance-flag, with square banner and three wavy streamers, held almost horizontally and extending across the shield into the inscription, and in his left hand a long convex, kite-shaped shield, of which only half is shown, charged apparently with an escarbuncle of eight rays. The legend, when complete, seems to have been SIGILLVM ⋮ SANCTI ⋮ GEORGII ⋮ DE ⋮ GRESELE. The Prior, as is usual, has impressed his own seal on the reverse. It bears a half-length figure of the Virgin holding the Child on the left arm, overhead a star, in her right hand a *fleur-de-lys* on a stalk; in the field over the Child's head a crescent moon. The representation of St. George as an armed warrior is curious and probably unique.

Mention should be made of the manuscript known and often quoted as "The Gresley Chartulary". By the kindness of the authorities of the Chetham Library, Manchester, it has been lent to me, but on a careful examination I cannot help thinking that its importance has been somewhat magnified. A full account of it was published in *The Reliquary*, vol. vi, ed. L. Jewitt in 1865, in an article communicated by Mr. John Harland, F.S.A., in which he relates what, he states, "may almost be called the discovery of the Chartulary", lost as it had apparently been in the covers of a Lancashire Visitation. But Nichols, the

historian of Leicestershire, quotes copiously from it, and Canon Raine, who collated the Visitation with the original MS. in the Heralds' College, and published it for the Chetham Society in 1850, could scarcely have missed it.

Perhaps the reason of its being where it is may be explained in this way. There was, as is well known, a family of Grelli or Grellet, rarely, if ever correctly, called Greslet, settled in Lancashire, and it was anciently thought that this family and the Derbyshire Gresleys were one and the same. That this was an erroneous idea has been satisfactorily shown by more than one in later times, and there is no occasion here to re-open the question, but it may account for the existence of Gresley evidences in a Lancashire MS.

The Visitation is that of Wm. Flower, Norroy King of Arms, made in 1567, but there are proofs that the MS. belonged afterwards to William Smith, Rouge Dragon *temp.* Jas. I, a Cheshire antiquary, and it is possible that the Gresley additions were made by his direction. They were not actually made by him, as the handwriting has been compared with his copy of the Visitation which is now in the British Museum.

Besides some rough sketches of the Gresley and Wasteneys or Gasteneys families (which Mr. Harland, by the way, prints Castleneys), it contains abstracts of about three hundred deeds relating to those families. There is a certain chronological arrangement, but the undated deeds, which are generally the most important, do not seem to have much, if any, logical sequence. The dated deeds are arranged under the king's reigns, the last one bearing the date of 2, 3 Philip and Mary. There are, in addition, some genealogical notes scattered about which have been useful in elucidating the family descent. The compilation cannot be much earlier than 1600.

Of a very different character and value is the Rydeware Chartulary, of which a detailed description is appended to the present catalogue. The rubric at the beginning gives

the date of it as 2 Edw. II, and states that it was made by the direction of Thomas, son and heir of Walter de Rydeware, and that it contains an account of all his possessions in Rydeware, Seal, Frilsham, Kettlebaston, and Rossington. During Thomas's lifetime (he was living in 1326) additions were made from time to time, the latest date apparently being 1331, and the scope of the contents is much wider than the modest rubric leads one to suppose. Its pages are illustrated by several neatly-executed pen-and-ink drawings generally characteristic of the deeds which they adorn, interspersed with a few grotesques. With regard to the drawing which has been reproduced opposite page 119, I am inclined to think that the meaning of it is somewhat different from that ascribed to it by Miss Gresley (cf. p. 119). It is suggested that it is rather a procession to judgment or to execution than a return from hunting. The criminal is the hound suspended by his legs from the axe, the instrument of execution, carried by a hare in charge, and followed by a second hare with herald's trumpet and official mace. The victim is the cock upon the spit borne at one end by a fox (who has, perhaps, volunteered his services as one who could have no possible sympathy with such a crime as poultry-snatching, and glad, at any rate, to assist in the violent end of his natural enemy, the hound) leading a brace of greyhounds in leash, and at the other end by a tailless ape in charge of the guilty hound's sorrowing companion. A third hare, ready with bow and arrows for any emergency, brings up the rear and completes the picture. The illustration has nothing to do with the deed of covenant above it, the latter having been squeezed into a vacant place by one of the later scribes.

Among the more interesting of the later Gresley Deeds are the following, *viz.*, No. 363, a bill of complaints by Burton Abbey against Sir Thomas de Gresley (*temp.* Rich. II); No. 437, an award by Humphrey, Duke of Buckingham, in the disputes between the Gresleys and the

Vernons, which contains a peculiar scale of compensation for wounds inflicted in a *melée* between their men (1455); No. 475, an award by Cardinal Wolsey in a suit between the "bastard sons" of Sir W. Gresley (who died without legitimate offspring), and Sir George his brother and heir (1525); No. 480, a deed of release by Anne of Cleves, the divorced wife of Henry VIII, bearing her signature (1551); and Nos. 497, 499, settlements of suits between the Pagets of Beaudesert and Sir Thomas Gresley, second Bart., respecting the weir and fulling-mill at Burton-on-Trent (1656, 1676).

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8th November, 1895.

THE

GRESLEY CHARTERS

PRESERVED AT

DRAKELOWE.

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1. CONFIRMATION by Robert, Bishop of Lincoln, of the grant by Ralph de Seila to Merivale Abbey, of a hundred and twenty acres of land, with wood, meadow, pastures, and common of pasture. Witnesses: Mag. Robert de Burnam; Mag. Peter; Mag. Ralph; William de Bugend', capellanus; Roger, fil. Willelmi; and Laurence. With episcopal seal, chipped. [1148-1166.]

2. GRANT by Bernard, Abbot, and the Convent of Burton-on-Trent, to Robert de Gresele, of the land of Derl' [Darlaston-by-Stone, co. Stafford], to hold in fee, and heritage each year, for fifty-two shillings; and of the service of Ralph de Caldewalle, for five shillings to be paid yearly, and for the free service of his body: half the rent to be paid at the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June], and half at the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.]. In return for this grant Robert and his heirs owe homage and fealty to the Abbot and Church of Burton. Witnesses: *First*, the chapter itself—Jordan, prior; Martin, William de Duninton, Richard, Richard, Richard, William, William, and the rest of the monks. *Next*, Robert, priest of Staph [Stapenhill]; William de Grochesham; Nicholas, chaplain; Walter de Sumervill; Walter de Muntgumbere, etc. Seal of the Abbey: *Obverse*, a saint, probably the Virgin,

crowned, in the right hand a fleur-de-lis, in the left hand a book, seated on a throne or edifice in representation of a church, with four turrets, each thatched and topped with a knob, shingle roof, and round-headed windows.

✠ SIG[ILLVM] . SANCTE MARIE [DE] BVRTONA.

Reverse, a smaller pointed oval counterseal, bust of St. Modwenna, Patron Saint, full face.

✠ SANCTA MODWENNA.

[1160-1175.]

3. NOTIFICATION by William, Comes de Ferrariis, of the sale by Ralph de Seile, to Ralph de Gresele, fil. Willelmi, for thirteen marks of silver, of his mill of Seal and four virgates of demesne land, to hold by service of one pair of leathern greaves or two shillings yearly, on certain specified conditions. Witnesses: Robert Calcun, Abbas sancti Petri super diuam [St. Pierre-sur-Dive, in Normandy]; Robert, prior de Kinelðwurð [Kenilworth]; William de Calewich; Mag. Richard de Sallawe; Robert de Pirv, dapifer; William de Gresele and Robert, filius suus; Robert, fil. Walk'; Walter de Sumeruilla; Richard de Curcun; Robert filius suus; Walter de Montegumeri; Reinald de Gresele; Humphrey de Tolca; Robert del Bec; Robert, fil. Radulfi; Ralph, fil. Ernaldi; Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Montgomeri; Harald de Leca; David de Stantona; Geralmus de Curcun; G—— de Bakepuz; John de Wilintona; Ralph de Caldewella; Alured de Cumbrai; Simon de Tuschet; Ralph, fil. Ghermundi; Roger de Stretona; Thomas de Pirv; Ralph Feone; William de Dun; G—— de Camera and Robert, homo suus; Reinald de Sancto Albano; Wald' de Wineshulla; Robert de Ferrariis; William, decanus de Tatenhul; Roger, canonicus Lincolniensis; John de Lisuis; Robert Grim; Lucian de Seila, etc. With seal of William, Comes de Ferrariis. Temp. Hen. II [circ. 1167].

Dei gra lincolniensis Epo & Omib; fis Galfridi Comitis filiis plenitudinem
fructuum Radulfus de Greleleia salt. Sciant me dedisse & hac presenti
carta mea confirmasse pro salute anime mee & uxoris mee. & pro animabus
patris & matris mee & Omium fratrum meorum & sororum & parentum & amicorum
& antecessorum meorum & pro anima Roberti Comitis de Ferrariis Deo & Ecclesie
sancte Marie Girualdi & Monachis ibidem deo seruientibus unam carrucatam
terre quam habui in Seile cum pratis & pascuis & cetis Omibus libertatibus
eidem terre pertinentibus in puram & perpetuam elemosinam tenendam & possidendam
in perpetuum libere & quiete absque Omi seculari seruicio. & calumpnia
& uexacione. & exactione secularis. hiis testibus Robto de Greleleia. &
henrico filio suo. Robto de curcun. Willmo de munfichet. Robto
filio Walkelini & henrico filio suo. henrico de fulcher. luciano de
Seile. henrico de Frarin. Johe de bolchuile. Thoma de curcun. &
Multis aliis.

4. NOTIFICATION to the Bishop of Lincoln by Ralph de Gresele,[1] of his grant to Merivale Abbey of a carucate of land which he holds in Seal from Ralph de Seile at an annual rent of two shillings, which grant he made for the salvation of the souls of his brothers, his wife, of Earl Rodbert de Ferrariis [ob. 1158 ?], and of others, "ut Deus omnipotens nobis omnibus remittat peccata nostra et tribuat vitam eternam." Witnesses: Rodbert de Gresele, and Henry his brother; Rodbert de Curecun; William de Mungumeri; Rodbert, fil. Walchalini, and Henry his brother; Henry Tuschet; Lucian de Seile; Rodbert de Ferrariis; Henry de Ferrariis; John de Boschervile; Thomas de Curecun. Temp. Hen. II. With seal (chipped at edges), representing armed man, on foot, with drawn sword and shield.

5. SIMILAR GRANT, differently worded, of the same piece of land. Witnesses: the same as in No. 4. With similar seal.

6. NOTIFICATION to ——,[2] Bishop of Lincoln, by Ralph de Seila of his confirmation of the grant by Ralph de Greseleia, made to Merivale Abbey of a carucate of land which he held from the said Ralph de Seila at an annual rent of two shillings. He makes this confirmation with consent of his lord, William, Comes de Ferrariis, and of Ralph his own heir, and for the souls of himself, his heirs, and of his lord, Robert, Comes de Ferrariis, and grants to the Abbey pasture for a hundred sheep and twelve beasts, "excepto numero ovium et animalium que antea habebant in elemosina mea in Seila". Witnesses: William, Comes de Ferrariis; Philip, prior de Lentona; Robert and Henry de Gresele; Philip, clericus; Walter, capellanus; Henry, fil. Fuch'; Thomas de Aucheuill'; Sawal, fil. Fuch';

[1] He is called "Rad. de Hethre" on contemporary endorsement.
[2] The initial of the Bishop has been erased.

William, fil. Hereberti, and John his brother; William fil. Hugonis. Temp. Hen. II. With seal, chipped.

7. NOTIFICATION to ——,[1] Bishop of Lincoln, and all the sons of Holy Church, by William, Comes de Ferrariis, of his confirmation of the grant by Ralph de Seila and Ralph de Greseleia to Merivale Abbey, of a carucate of land which Ralph de Greseleia held from Ralph de [Seila]. Witnesses: Henry, fil. Fuch'; Thomas de Aucheuill; Philip, clericus; William, fil. Hereberti; Robert de Greseleia, and Henry his brother; William, fil. Hugonis; Hugh de Thorendona. Temp. Hen. II.

8. AWARD by A[dam], Abbot of Evesham, and L[aurence], Prior of Coventry, arbitrators nominated by the Pope, in a suit between the monks of Wenlock and William, clericus, concerning the church of St. Peter of Seal, namely, that the said William may possess the church "in perpetuum", paying to the church of St. Milburg, of Wenlock, eight shillings and fourpence yearly. Witnesses: Simon, Abbot of Persoure [Pershore]; Mag. Hugh de Coleham; Richard de Amberesleg'; Mag. Ernald de Bukingham; Matthew, clericus; Lucian de Seila; Roger de Strettun; Robert de Seila. Temp. Hen. II [1175-1179].

9. GRANT by Ralph de Seila "concessione Radulfi filii sui", to William de Noreis "pro hominio et servicio suo", and to Wlfene his wife, of a virgate of land: to hold "libere et quiete scilicet de pannagio, de filiabus et de omnibus consuetudinibus domino pertinentibus dum predicta Wlfene uxor predicti Willelmi domino servierit, libere et quiete pro servicio suo predictam possidebunt et quando predicta Wlfene amplius domino non servierit, sponsus suus et heredes illorum annuatim xii.d. pro omni servicio

[1] The initial letter of the Bishop has been erased.

reddent." Witnesses: William, presbyter de Seile; William, persona; Lucian; William, fil. Rogeri de Durandesthorp; William de Ederichale; Roger de Stretuna; William, filius suus; Ralph, Cantor de Seile; Alan; Goimer; Tierstin; Roger, fil. Anschetilli; William Buche; Walerand de Apelbi; Walerand de Childecote; John, suus frater; Robert, fil. Rogeri de Seile. Temp. Hen. II (late).

10. GRANT by Bertram de Verdun[1] to Robert fil. Hardulfi[2] of all his land of Hangodestorp [Osgathorpe, co. Leic.], which the said Bertram holds from Nigel de Munevilla, paying yearly fourteen shillings, "cum Scordun et Stocwuda et Snapa". Witnesses: Roger de Amundevile; Alan, fil. Mainfenini; Roger, fil. Willelmi; Simon his brother; Philip de Estlee; Robert de Flamuile; Ernald de Barewelle; Ernald, dapifer; Henry de Lee; Geoffrey de Normanuile; Richard de Boisdele; Robert de Culunces; Waim, clericus; Geoffrey, clericus; Wido de Verdun; William, Saracenus; Robert, Venator. Temp. Hen. II (late). With seal, broken.

11. CONFIRMATION by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, of all the grants made by Ralph his father and himself to Merivale Abbey and, "ad incrementum supradictarum donationum", he grants for the soul of Anneis de Oilli his mother, the meadow of Fuleslog and his meadow of Culurewellemor. Witnesses: Hervey de Ocle; Alan, filius eius; Thomas, nepos eius; William, fil. Roggeri de

[1] B. de Verdun was sheriff of Leicester and Warwick 14-28 Hen. II, accompanied Richard I to the Holy Land, and died at Joppa in 1192.

[2] Hardulph has been commonly thought to be the ancestor of the family of "de Wasteneys", but the Rev. F. Parker, in his *Account of Colton and the De Wasteneys Family* (p. 22), proves that this family was united to that of Hardulph, Lord of Osgathorpe, by the marriage of the latter's great-granddaughter Amphelis to Sir Philip de Wasteneys of Colton.

Strettuna; Humfrey de Cleibroc. Temp. Hen. II (late). With seal.

12. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seile, to Merivale Abbey, in alms for the souls of Ralph his father, Anneis his mother, and Rodbert, Comes de Ferrariis, of a virgate of land of his demesne, which Alan formerly held from his father; and of three other virgates formerly held by the same, "tenendas de me et heredibus meis in feudam firmam inperpetuum, scilicet pro omnibus secularibus servitiis singulis annis pro singulis uirgatis xii nummos reddendos tantummodo transacto tamen termino xii annorum, in quorum quidem initio totam firmam premanibus accepi et habui pro uoluntate mea tam in equis quam in nummis et aliis rebus". Witnesses: William, miles de Ouilla and Gilbert, frater eius. Dat. 1181. With seal, defaced.

13. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Ralph, fil. Willelmi Buche, of right of common in his wood, in that part which he (the grantor) held on that day when William, Comes de Ferrariis received from him the lordship of Seal; the said Ralph, fil. Willelmi, to have wood for hearth, wagon, and hedges, and timber for repairing his houses. Witnesses: William de Strettun; Robert, fil. Walerani; Peter Pescher; Adam, fil. Turstani; Richard, fil. Edwini; Ralph, fil. Willelmi Norreis; Asketil, fil. Walteri; Roger, fil. Asketilli. Temp. Henry II—Ric. I.

14. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Merivale Abbey, of the homage and service of Roger, fil. Anketilli, namely, six pence at Christmas or a pound of pepper, and a virgate of land, with all liberties, *etc.*, as his father's charter (in the said Roger's possession) witnesses: so that Anketill, Andrew, Alan, Ralph, and Avice, as well as the said Roger, may be free of all services due to the above-named grantor, and hold the said land from the Abbey. Witnesses: Elured, capellanus; Henry, persona

de Manecestre; Robert and Gilbert his brothers; Hervey, miles de Acle; Henry his son; William, fil. Rogeri de Strettun; Ralph Morcoc; Adam de Wittentun; Adam, fil. Thome. Temp. Ric. I. With seal, broken.

15. GRANT by William, Rector of Seal, to Merivale Abbey, of the tithe of a virgate of land in Great Seal which they hold on lease from Ralph Morcoc: for four shillings, payable annually on the F. of SS. Philip and James [1 May]. Witnesses: Henry de Manecestre; Richard, persona de Hegham; Wibert de Witheredel; Geoffrey de Sepei; William de Thwicros. Temp. Ric. I. With seal.

16. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Merivale Abbey, of Nigel, fil. Walteri, with his suit, chattels, etc., and a virgate which the said Nigel holds with toft and croft which pertain to that virgate, and with toft "ubi domus predicti Nigelli site sunt". Witnesses: Simon, sacerdos de Xepeia; Robert de Ruures; William de Strettona; Hubert de Ouertona; Hugh Templarius; Jacobus Draco; Adam, fil. Turstani; Ralph Morcoc Temp. Ric. I.

17. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Merivale Abbey, of four virgates of land in Seal, three of which Alan held, and one of which Gamellus, faber, held from his father, with the toft belonging to the same which his father promised to exchange: together with the wife of Gamellus with all her children. Witnesses: William, fil. Turgis de Withacre; Robert de Ruures; Richard Prentut; William his son; Robert de Caham; Gilbert, fil. Neel de Swineford. Temp. Ric. I. With seal.

18. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Merivale Abbey, in alms for his own soul, and the souls of Ralph his father, and his mother Anneis de Oilli, of one virgate of land in Seal which belonged to Ralph Cantor. Witnes-

ses: Hervey de Ocle; Hervey and Alan his sons; Adam de Wethelesberga; Adam and Robert his sons; Robert de Ruura; Ralph and Reinald his sons; Goismer; William de Strettuna; Roger, fil, Asketilli; William Buche; Asketill, fil. Walteri; William de Bartuna; Robert de Hastinges; Adam, fil. Turstani; William de Turre; Ralph, fil. Willelmi Norreis; Robert, fil. Waleranni de Happelbi. Temp. Ric. I. With seal, broken.

19. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seil, to Merivale Abbey, of Henry, fil. Henrici de Seile, and his homage, chattels, etc.: together with a croft containing four selions which William Prencheval held. Witnesses: Poer de Witenton; William de Witacre; Roger de Seile; William Prentut; Geismer de Seile; Guarin de Templo; Alexander de Ackorp. Temp. Ric. I. With seal.

20. CONFIRMATION, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. et her. Radulfi de Seila, to Merivale Abbey, of four virgates of land in Seal which Alan held; of Garwi and his wife and son, with their chattels, etc., and a virgate of land; of a virgate of land which belonged to Ralph Cantor; of a croft which William Prencheval held, containing four selions; of Henry, fil. Henrici de Seile, and his homage, and the "woman who was the wife of Gamel, with toft and croft' He confirms also "ex dono patris" two virgates of land which Hardulf and Gamel Faber hold respectively; and grants the heath "ad Rukedich" and a piece of land lying "ante hostium domus ovium suarum", and another small piece of land which was Rodbert Burioud's, situated "juxta Meres", all his meadow of his demesne of Seal, and the meadows of Fulleslokh and Culurewellemor. Witnesses: Symeon, presbyter de Sepe; Walkelin de Manecestre and his sons, Walter and William; Rodbert de Ruure and his sons, Ralph and Reginald; Poer and his son Serlo; Henry de Caili; Adam, clericus, frater uxoris

Walkelini de Mancestre ; William, fil. Ricardi de Carletun ; Rodbert le Megre. Temp. Ric. I. With seal.

21. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Merivale Abbey, of his meadow of his demesne of Seal. Witnesses : Reginald, clericus de Grenduna ; Mag. Adam, Medicus ; Walkelin, sacerdos de Edredestuna ; Walkelin, dominus de Monecestria ; William, fil. Turgis de Witacre ; William, fil. Roggeri de Strettuna ; Rogger de Seila ; Hugh de Pethlinges ; Alan, filius ejus ; Puher de Witentuna. Temp. Ric. I.

22. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to the church of St. Mary of Merivale, "et fratribus grangie de Seila", of all the liberty in his wood of Seal, "ad capiendum videlicet per totum boscum, tam de viridi bosco quam de veteri, de grosso et de gracili, stando aut jacendo, cum una reda, aut cum bobus trahere, ter aut quater omnibus diebus, tam per hyemem quam per estatem, ad ignem, et ad cetera eisiamenta predictorum fratrum et prescripte grangie" : with pasture throughout the whole wood, for the oxen, cows, and horses of the same grange. Witnesses : William de Stretton ; William de Turre ; Ralph Morcoc ; Jacobus Drake ; Rodbert Coppe ; Adam de Weoleberge ; Rodbert de Ruure ; Ralph, filius eius ; William de Seila cognatus Luciani ; Thomas Bretun, de Draitun. Temp. Ric. I. With seal.

23. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Merivale Abbey, of Ralph Morcoc and his service, with the virgate of land which the latter and his father held from him [in Seal], with all liberties in wood, plain, meadows, pastures, ways, and waters, "infra defensum et extra ut mihi capiat ad omnia eisiamenta sua ad edes reparandas, ad focum, ad clausturam". Witnesses : Hugh, decanus ; Rodbert de Ruure ; Rodbert, persona de Norton ; William, persona de Seila ; William de Stretton ; Adam, fil. Ad. de

Weothelesb'; Richard, fil. Hermefr'; Goismer; Hugh de Templo; Reimer de Clifton; Alexander de Clifton. Temp. Ric. I.

24. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Merivale Abbey, of five "cotarios, manentes in quatuor toftis"; of which tofts one was formerly held by Rodbert Burioud, but was afterwards divided into two parts for two women, the second was held by William, fil. Alfrichi, the third by Henry Parmentarius; the fourth by Cecily, sister of William Buches. Witnesses: Symeon, sacerdos de Sepe; Rodbert de Ruure; William de Stretton; William de Turre; Ralph Morcoc; Hugh de Templo; Hubertus. Temp. Ric. I. With seal.

25. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seila, to Ralph, fil. Willelmi le Norreis, of a virgate of land in Seal which the latter's father held in fee. Witnesses: William, persona de Seile; William, fil. Rogeri de Strettun; Goismerus; Adam, fil. Turstani; Robert de Ruures; Richard, fil. Erenfrei; Adam, fil. Ade de Wethelesberthe. Temp. Ric. I.

26. CONFIRMATION by Anneis, fil. Radulfi de Seila, "et heres illius", with consent of William her husband, to Merivale Abbey, of all the tenement which they have held from Easter in the eighth year of King Richard; for which confirmation the Abbey has given her half a mark of silver. Witnesses: William de Ridware; William de Brai; Hugh, decanus; Richard de Curzun; Richard de Vernun; William, persona; Walter, clericus de Sumeruilla, etc. Circ. 8 Ric. I [1197]. With seal.

27. GRANT by William, fil. Rogeri de Strettona, on the earnest advice of Anneis his wife, to Merivale Abbey, of a toft in Seal, which Ralph, Juuenior, gave to his sister, the said Anneis, after the death of Ralph, Senior, their father,

sometime held by Nicholas and by "plures cottarii post eum", with clause stating that the said Anneis offered this charter on the altar of St. Mary in the church of Seal Major, and the said William, afterwards, on the altar of St. Mary of Merivale. Witnesses: Goismerus; Ralph Cokin; Rodbert de Hastinc; Hugh de Templo; Henry Faber, de Hospitio; William de Hospitio; Johannes, fil. Godberti; Ralph, fil. Goismeri; Alan de Hospitio; Roger, fil. Hugonis de Templo; Anketillus pater Rogeri. Temp. Ric. I.

28. CONFIRMATION by William, fil. Rogeri de Strettun and Agnes his wife, dau. of Ralph de Seila, to Ralph Buche and his heirs of land in Seal, which Ralph de Seila gave to his father, William Buche. Rent, a pound of pepper on All Saints' Day. Witnesses: William, persona; Lucian, fil. Roberti; Henry de Cleftun; Robert Wischard; Roger, fil. Anketil; Anketil, fil. Walteri; Ralph Cokin; Matthew, fil. Rogeri; William, fil. persone. Temp. Ric. I. With seal.

29. CONFIRMATION, in soul-alms, by Constantia, fil. Radulfi de Seila, of all the grants and confirmations of lands in Seal, which her father and her brother have heretofore made to Merivale Abbey. Witnesses: Gilbert,[1] vicecomes; Ralph de Martinwas; Thomas, dispensator; Ralph de Prestwod; Richard, clericus vicecomitis; Alan de Pethling; Rodbert de Braibroc; Thomas de Watford; Achard de Sproctune. [1198.]

30, 31. NOTIFICATION, with duplicate attached, by Robert, dapifer comitis Cestrie, of his grant to Ralph, fil. Siwardi, "tenere totam terram suam de Rostlavestona hereditario iure . . . seruicio semi militis, et ideo quod

[1] Gilbert de Segrave, sheriff of cos. Leicester and Warwick, 4, 5, 6, 9 Ric. I.

ipse sex uirgatas quas calumniabat in Burc mihi et meis heredibus concessit in pace, quare illa predicta seruicia sibi et suis heredibus concessi et concedo." Witnesses: Richard Paien; Richard de Maisam; Ralph Talebot; Walter de Dumuila; H., fil. Sturmi; Matthew, sacerdos; G., sacerdos; G. Desert; Richard de Basogias; Richard, fil. Edwane, sacerdos; William Danais; Hamelun Panton. Temp. Ric. I.

32. GRANT by Lucian de Deserto to Merivale Abbey and the monks serving there, "ad domum infirmorum secularium", in alms for his own soul and for the soul of Lucian "Senex", his grandfather, etc., of the meadow by the water called Meis [R. Meis] under Great Seal. Witnesses: William, persona de Seyla; Robert de Appelbi; Walter de Streton; William, fil. Will. persone de Seyla; Peter de Durantesthorp; William de Petling; Richard, clericus de Seyla; Ralph Buche; Peter Pite de Lichesfeld. Early 13th cent. With seal, broken.

33. GRANT by Lucian de Deserto to Merivale Abbey, in alms for his soul, and the souls of Agatha his wife and Lucian de Seyla his grandfather, of a virgate of land in Over Seal. Annual rent, twelve pence, sterling: with warranty by the said Lucian and Osbert, his son and heir. Witnesses: William, persona de Seyla; Adam, persona de Overtona; William de Appelbi; Ralph Buche, de Seyla; Ralph Sellarius. Early 13th cent.

34. GRANT, in soul-alms, for himself, his wife, and Lucian his grandfather, by Lucian Desert de Seile, to the church of St. George of Gresley, and the canons there, of a certain part of his wood of Seal, "scilicet a via illa que ducit ad Fiflawe versus Lintonam et per semitam que ducit a predicta via ex transverso usque ad Longeleiam et ita usque ad boscum domini Walteri de Rideware cum terra arabili que extenditur in longum inter predictum boscum et viam que

ducit versus Cotis." Witnesses: William, persona de Sele; William his son; Robert de Appilbi; William his son; Walter de Stretune; Peter de Durandisthorpe; Walter Godmer; Roger Templarius; Ralph Buche; Hugh his brother; Robert de Henouere. Early 13th cent.

35. AWARD by Fr. R. dictus Abbas de Geroldon [Garendon] and P[aul] Abbas Sancte Marie de Prato Legecestrie, and Mag. A. de Wilna, arbitrators appointed by the Pope, in a suit which W., persona ecclesie de Seila, brought against William, fil. Radulfi de Meisam, and Lucian, fil. Roberti Disert, whereby the two latter grant in perpetuity to the mother church of Seal four wagon loads of wood for burning, to be gathered by the parsons of that church against Christmas Day, and the said W., persona eiusdem ecclesie, abandons all claim he had against the said William and Lucian for common of husbote and haibote in their wood of Vuerseila [Over Seal]. Witnesses: Robert, presbyter de Suothestun; Richard de Hastinges, clericus; William, fil. Walkelini de Strettun; Walter his son, etc. Early 13th cent. [1186-1205]. With one seal (out of five) remaining.

36. GRANT by Geoffrey de Gresele to Roger, fil. Odonis de la Lake, of a messuage in Hystesd' [Hixon, co. Staff.], extending from the barn of Geoffrey Payn to the highway leading to Sumerwelle, with six acres of land on Hungerhil, Stichelesl', Sondiforlong, Stubfurlong, etc. Witnesses: Geoffrey de Drenketh; Nicholas de Drenketh; William Morel; Walter de Colewyz; Richard Tholi, and others. Early 13th cent.

37. GRANT by John, fil. Anketil de Aggotestorp, to Richard Pelliparius de Beleton, of an acre and a half-rood of land in Angotestorp [Osgathorpe, co. Leic.], of which half an acre lies near Roger Martel's land, and abuts on the broad meadow of Infulebeckesiche, and the other half-

acre and the half-rood abut on the fishpond of Beleton [Belton]. Witnesses: Dom. William de Wasteneis; William de Thregeston; William Dagen; Ralph, clericus de Bredon; Brian de Watthon; Nicholas de Wodecote. Early 13th cent. With seal.

38. GRANT by Ralph Buche, of Seal, to Merivale Abbey, of half an acre of land in the field of Seal, on Wodeshulles. Witnesses: Lucian de Seyle; Lucian Disert; Robert Coppe; Alan, fil. Alani; Ralph, fil. Turstani; Richard, clericus; Roger Le Templier; William, fil. Alexandri de Owertone. Temp. Hen. III (early).

39. LEASE by Geoffrey de Gresele to Ingeleisius his servant, of two bovates of land in the vill of Morton, for a term of 13 years. Annual rent, six shillings; "incipiente primo anno quando cyclus lunaris unus dinoscebatur." Witnesses: William Morel; R. Morel; Walter de Blewic; William Wim; Henry de Hemod'; Henry Albus; Robert, fil. Hode. [1219.]

40. GRANT by William de Greseleia to Walter Leveriz de Cosinthon, with the advice and consent of Geoffrey de Greseleia his father, of two virgates of land which Hugh Le Berker and Herbert Gisun held. Annual rent, twenty shillings. "Predictus vero Walterus Leveriz et heredes sui defendent duas virgatas terre de forinseco domini Regis quas Willelmus de Greselya dedit cum Agnete sorore sua in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Deo et ecclesie beat Trinitatis de L[eicestre] extra villam de Belethon . . . ." Witnesses: Dom. Geoffrey de Greseleya; Dom. William Burded; Dom. William de Martinwas; Henry Wischard, persona de Sileby; Mag. Peter, eiusdem ville; Thomas, clericus de Leicestre, etc. Temp. John. With seal of William de Gresley and seal of arms of Geoffrey de Gresley. Mutilated.

41. GRANT, in soul-alms, by John Buche, fil. Radulfi Buche de Magna Seyla to Merivale Abbey, of half an acre of land on Flitlondes, whereof one head stretches into Waterfalsiche and the other on to the "forera" of the said Abbey. Witnesses: Henry, fil. persone de Seyla; Roger Templar; Richard, clericus; Alan, fil. Alani; Nigel de Seyle; Engenulf de Seyle; William Le Hasting; Ralph Geysmer. Early 13th century. With seal, broken.

42. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Henrici de Clifton, to Henry Wischard, his nephew, for his homage and service, of all the land which he possesses in the vill of Seal, to hold at an annual rent of a pair of gloves at Easter. Witnesses: Geoffrey Salvagius; Robert de Tissintona; William de Appelbi; John de Cuili; Adam de Sepeya; Roger de Mutha. Temp. John.

43. GRANT by Walter de Rideware to Merivale Abbey, of common of pasture in the woods of Clifton and Cotes, and of all claims "de bosco, et de grangia et de porta grangie eorum, et de purpresturis et rebus aliis factis et habitis", in their holding of Seal, "usque ad pascha proximum post capcionem castelli de Biham" [Bytham, co. Linc.],[1] in the year 1221. "Dicti etiam monachi possunt totam curiam grangiarum suarum et omnium aliorum edificiorum suorum fossare et claudere." Witnesses: Ralph, fil. Nicholai, tunc senescallus Dom. Comitis Derebe; Roger de Rideware; Robert de Grendon; William de Cungeston; Adam, persona de Overton; Jacobus de Sybedesdon; Nicholas de Nortun. Circ. 1221.

44. QUIT-CLAIM by Walter de Riddeware to Dom. Ralph, Abbot, and the Convent of Merivale, of six acres

[1] Bytham Castle, occupied in 1220 by William, Earl of Albemarle, was besieged by the King and captured 8th February 1221. (M. Paris, *Chronica Majora*, Rolls Ed., iii, 60, 61.)

and a half of meadow in the meadow called Vuere Medwe, in Great Seal. Witnesses: Ralph, fil. Nicholai, tunc senescallus Domini Comitis Derebe; Roger de Riddeware; Robert, persona de Riddeware; Jacobus de Sibesdesdon; Robert de Grendon; Nicholas de Norton; William Cungeston; John Morel; Adam, persona de Ouerton; Ralph Selweyn; Henry Bug'. Dat. 1230. With seal of arms, broken.

45. GRANT by Walter de Rideware to Robert Messor de Seyla of a virgate of land in Seal. Rent, four shillings. "Sciendum est quod si predictus Robertus vel heredes eius vel sui assignati in misericordia mea vel heredum meorum inciderint, amerciabuntur secundum modum delicti et hoc per iudicium parium suorum." Witnesses: William de Vernun; Walter de Streton; Osbert de Seyla; Peter de Durandestorp; Henry Wyschard; Roger Templar; John Buche; Ralph Geymer, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early).

46. QUIT-CLAIM by Ranulph, Comes Cestrie et Lincolnie to Dom. Stephen de Sedgrave and his heirs, of all suits which they and their men of Bretby, Rosliston, and Cotes are accustomed to do at his wapentakes of Rapendon [Repton] and Gresley. Witnesses: William de Vernon, Justiciarius Cestrie; William de Cantelupo; Fulk, filius Warini; Baldwin de Ver; Ralph de Bray; John de Atya; Richard de Birun; Walter de Byseboc; Richard de Vernon; Richard de Arden'; John, clericus. Circ. 1232.

47. GRANT by Ralph de Arderne, with consent of Alina his wife (confirmed in presence of King Henry), to Stephen de Segrave, of the land and tenement in Cotes sometime belonging to Stephen de Bello Campo, brother to the said Alina. Witnesses: R[alph], Bishop of Chichester, Chancellor; R[ichard], Bishop of Durham; J[osceline], Bishop of Bath; W[alter], Bishop of Carlisle, Treasurer; Hugh de

Nevill; Ralph de Trublevill; Ralph Gernun; Richard Duket; Rannulph Le Bretun; Hugh Le Dispenser; Robert de Lexinton; Bartholomew Peche. Circ. 1230-1235. With seal of arms.

48. GRANT (and confirmation in the king's presence) by Ysolda de Bello Campo, to Stephen de Segrave, of the land and tenement in Cotes, sometime belonging to Stephen de Bello Campo, her brother. Same witnesses as in preceding charter, together with Henry de Braibroc. Circ. 1230-1235.

49. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Robert de Mauluvel, to Merivale Abbey, of common of pasture in his wood of Seal. Witnesses: Dom. William de Ferrariis, Comes Derebe; William de Ferrariis, filius ejus; Geoffrey de Gresele, tunc senescallus; William, persona de Seyl; William, persona de Stretton; Walter de Stretton; Osbert de Superiori Seyl; William de Appelby; Peter de Durandestorp; Roger Templar de Seyl; Richard, clericus; John Buche. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

50. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Robert Maulovel, fil. Stephani de Rampton, to Merivale Abbey, of common pasture in his wood of Rosliston. Witnesses: William de Vernun; Geoffrey de Greseley; William, persona de Seyla; Walter de Stratton; William, persona, frater suus; Osbert Disert de Seyla; Peter de Lutterworth; William de Pethling. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

51. GRANT by Robert Maulovel de Rostlaveston, to Stephen de Sedgrave, of his tenement in Rostlaveston [Rosliston, co. Derb.]. Witnesses: Robert de Lexinton; William de Martiwast; William de Wasteneys; Richard de Attonestan; Robert, fil. Stephani Maulovel; William de Sancto Eadmundo; William de Curly; Roger de Sifrewast, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early).

52. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph Grim, to Merivale Abbey, of common pasture in his whole wood of Seal. Witnesses: William, persona de Seyla; William de Stretton; Walter de Stretton; Osbert de Superiori Seyl; William de Appelby; Peter de Durandestorp; Roger Templar de Seyl; John Buche; Serlo de Wytenton. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

53. QUIT-CLAIM by Roger de Monte Alto, senescallus Cestrie, to Stephen de Segrave, of the service of one knight which the latter was wont to perform to Roger de Monte Alto his father, in respect of the vill of Rostlaweston. Annual rent, a pair of gilt spurs at Easter, or six pence. Witnesses: Dom. William de Malo passu; Walkelin de Arden; John Flury; William de Sancto Eadmundo; John de Rypariis; Anketill Malhore; Robert de Shepheye, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early).

54. GRANT by Roger de Mahaut, senescallus Cestrie, to Stephen de Segrave, for his homage and service, of eight virgates of land in Roxlaueston [Rosliston] which Ralph Grim sometime held. To hold, by performing service of half a knight. Witnesses: Dom. William de Insula; Robert de Colouill; Robert de Mascy; Hugh de Wauerton; Peter de Sancto Edwardo; John de Riparia, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

55. CONFIRMATION, in soul-arms, by Ralph, fil. Radulfi Le Seller de Magna Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of all the grants which his father made to the same, namely, half an acre of land on Fulbarddunstal, half an acre on Wodehull, and half an acre on Flitlondes, with grant of half an acre of land beyond Chirchehull. Witnesses: Osbert de Seyla; Roger Templar; John Buche; Nigel de Seyla; Roger Brun; and Hugh de Seyl. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

56. COVENANT, whereby Walter de Rideware leases to Hugh Theneche, his demesne in the vill of Seal "quam ante tenuit insimul Ottut [*sic*] leshasel usque ad terminum duodecim annorum", paying ten shillings annual rent for all services. "Hec convencio est primo Hokeday post consecrationem archiepiscopi Eadmundi de Abdadone[1] et quod ego Hugo habebo meum crop usque ad festum Sancti Martini sequens", paying at the end of 12 years to the said Walter half a mark. Witnesses: John Wiscart; Henry, fil. persone; Ralph Aki; Richard, clericus; Ralph Goymer; John Bouche. Dat. [2 May 1234].

57. GRANT by Henry de Seyla, fil. Willelmi persone, to Merivale Abbey, of all his land in Seal and his part of the road lying between his wood and the wood of the monks there: the said Abbey to dig, enclose, and keep in order the said road as they please. Witnesses: Henry Wischard; John his brother; Richard, clericus; Nigel de Seyl; Ralph Goymer; Henry Pechett, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

58. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Nigel de Seyla, with consent of Lettice his wife, to Merivale Abbey, of an acre of land in Seal, lying in Steynildetroe-furlong, etc. Witnesses: Henry, fil. persone; Richard, clericus; John Buche; Alani, fil. Alani; Henry Pechet, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

59. GRANT by Nigel de Seyle, with consent of Lettice his wife, to Merivale Abbey, of an acre of land in Seal, lying on Hortnoteshullesheved. Witnesses: Osbert de Seyla; Henry, fil. persone de Seyl; John Wyschard; John Buche; Ralph Goimer; Roger Brun; Henry Pechet. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

[1] Edm. de Abingdon was consecrated 2nd April 1234.

60. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Nigel, fil. Walteri de Seila, with consent of his heir Hingenulf, to Merivale Abbey, of two acres in the fields of Seal. Witnesses: William, persona de Seila; Lucian, Senior, de Superiore Seila, et Lucian, Junior; Robert Coppe; Roger Templer; Ralph Seler; Roger, fil. Anketilli; Alan, fil. Alani. Temp. Hen. III (early).

61. CONFIRMATION, in soul-alms, by Engenulf, fil. Nigelli de Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of all the grants which his father made to the Abbey. Witnesses: Roger Templarius; Richard, clericus; Ralph de Seler; Nigel de Seyla; John Buche; Ralph Geysmer; Alan, fil. Alani. Temp. Hen. III (early).

62. CONFIRMATION, in soul-alms, by Hengenulf, fil. Nigelli, fil. Walteri de Maiori Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of the grant which his father made of two acres of land in Seal, lying at Culverwelle, and on Wodehull. Witnesses: Richard, clericus; Ralph le Seler; John Buche; Nigel de Seyla; Ralph Geysmer; William Hasting; Alan, fil. Alani de Seyla; William de Petlinges, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

63. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Hengenulf, fil. Nigelli de Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of a portion of land from his acre which lies "ad bercariam de Meres", containing 20 perches. Witnesses: Osbert de Seyla; Roger Templarius; Richard, clericus; Nigel de Seila; John Buche; Alan de Seyla; Ralph Geymer; William Hasting, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal, chipped.

64. GRANT by Hengenulf, fil. Nigelli de Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of all that part of his land enclosed near the "bercaria" of Meres. Witnesses: Adam, persona de

Ouertona; William, persona de Seyla; William his son; Richard, clericus; Ralph Buche; Robert de Hennouere. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

65. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. Thurstani de Majori Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of half an acre of land in Greater Seal, lying on Flitlondes. Witnesses: Henry, fil. persone de Seyla; William de Hastinges de Seyla; Roger Templarius; Richard, clericus; Engenulf; John Buche; Nigel; Ralph Geismere. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

66. CONFIRMATION by Osbert, fil. Luciani Desert de Seyle, of his father's grant to the Canons of Gresley, of part of his wood of Seal [described above, No. 34]. Witnesses: Dom. Ralph Grim; John Wischart; Ralph, fil. Aky; Ralph, fil. Godefridi de Rostlaston; Robert Dispensarius de Greselee. Temp. Hen. III (early).

67. QUIT-CLAIM by William, fil. Warini de Upton, to Stephen de Segrave, of the vill of Cotes (formerly belonging to Stephen de Bello Campo, who held it from the King), with the consent of the sisters of the said Stephen de Bello Campo, viz., Isolda, Matildis, Alina, and Idona. Witnesses: Walter de Besebosc; Richard, Abbot of Hales; Walter de Bello Campo; Walter, fil. Radulfi de Hunstanscote; Osbert de Abbetoft; Robert Pitard; John de Baiocis, etc. Temp. Hen. III (early).

68. GRANT, in consideration of a sum of twenty shillings, by John Wischard to Hugh, fil. Radulfi, of all the toft and croft which Martin sometime held in Seal, lying between the toft of Ralph Morcoke and the "via ferrata" of the same vill. Annual rent, twelve pence. Witnesses: Henry Wischard; Osbert de Seile; Henry, fil. persone; Roger Templarius; Ralph Hoki; Alan, fil. Alani; Robert de Chelardiston. Temp. Hen. III (early).

69. GRANT by Henry Wyschard to Hugh, fil. Radulfi, of a messuage with croft in Seal, which Martin formerly held and the said Hugh held by grant of John Wyschard, the grantor's brother; for which grant the said Hugh gave the said Henry two sheep with half a quarter of corn. Witnesses: Osbert de Seyla; Henry, fil. persone; Roger Templar; Ralph Haki; Richard, clericus; Alan, fil. Alani; Robert de Chelardunton. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal, defaced.

70. LEASE, for a term of 18 years, by Simon, fil. Radulfi Le Seler, to Ralph Sakart, of three acres of land in the field of Seal, situate on Chirchehul, Long Steiniltre, Lulmeshul, Caldevallehul, etc., the term to begin on Easter Day in the 28th year of the King's reign. Witnesses: Henry, fil. persone; John Wichart; Alan, fil. Alani; Henry, fil. Ricardi clerici; William de Cimeterio; William de Derhul. Dat. 28 Hen. III [1243-4]. With seal.

71. GRANT by Ralph Herlewin de Rostlaweston to Gilbert de Segrave, of the moiety of a virgate of land in Rostlaweston [Rosliston, co. Derb.], excepting four acres which Ralph Clericus holds from him in fee; and a toft and croft for himself and his heirs. Witnesses: John de Stepenhull; Richard de Thamenhorne; Ralph de Claudewell; Ralph Thaleboth de Rostlaweston; David de Drakelowe, etc. Temp. Hen. III [1241-1254].

72. GRANT by Gilbert de Segrave to Adam, fil. Ricardi Pistoris, in free marriage with Amabilia, fil. Philippi de Wythrne, of a virgate of land in Cothes [Cotes], co. Derby, which Henry, fil. Hoseberti, his naif held, and a plot of meadow called Brouneshurst with his garden in Cotes. Annual rent, five shillings. Witnesses: Dom. Richard de Mundevylle; Dom. Adam Maweysyn; Dom. William de Wasteneys; Dom. Stephen de Newylle; Ralph Camerarius, Junior, etc. Temp. Hen. III [1241-1254].

73. BOND from William de Gresele, filius et heres Galfridi de Gresele, to give full seisin of a messuage in the vill of Norton, which Alan, fil. Aluredi, sometime held, to Merivale Abbey, "post terminum Abbatisse de Polesworthe", of which the said Abbey holds the charter of feoffment. "Facta autem eis seysina post septem annos plenarie completos post festum Sancti Andree anno regni regis Henrici fil. Regis Johannis vicesimo octavo [1243]. Facta uero fuit ista conuencio die Mercurii proximo ante purificacionem virginis eodem anno unde Dominus Willelmus de Gresele alteram habet partem nullo sigillo signatam, nisi alio modo possit infra terminum inter Abbatem et Abbatissam conueniri de dicto mesuagio." Witnesses: Ralph Grim; Richard, rector ecclesie de Kyngesle; Henry Wischard; Peter de Durantestorp; Geoffrey de Lullenton.

74. LEASE, for 20 years, by Simon le Seler de Seyl to Merivale Abbey, of three half-acres of land in the fields of Seal lying on Haselfurlong, Sondifurlong, Greterefurlong, and elsewhere. Witnesses: Henry Wischard; Peter de Durantestorp; John Wischard; Henry, fil. persone de Seyl, etc. Dat. F. of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 1246. With seal.

75. LEASE for 20 years, from Simon le Seler de Seyl to Merivale Abbey, of all his land of Great Seal, besides his toft and the moiety of his meadow near the R. Meis, and three acres of arable land on Hopynges, Chirchehul, Ruedych, and Cliftunedych. Witnesses: Henry, fil. Willelmi quondam persone de Sheyl; John Wyschard; Ralph Geysmer; William Petitpas, etc. Dat. Hokeday [9 Apr.], 1247. Endorsed "Sciendum quod Abbas et conventus percipient viginti croppos plenarie."

76. GRANT by Richard, Prior of Gresley, to Merivale Abbey, of all that wood which the priory had by grant

from Lucian Dysert de Seyle [cf. Nos. 34, 66]. Witnesses: Geoffrey de Greselcia; Ralph Grim; Henry Wischard; Peter de Durantestorp; John Wischard; Ralph Oky; John and Ran[dolf?] his brothers; Richard, clericus de Seyle. Temp. Hen. III. With seal in green wax, a knight in armour, with inscription:

SIG: . . . NCTI GEORGII DE GRESELE.

and on the reverse a counterseal of Richard, Prior of Gresley.

77. QUIT-CLAIM by Richard Bouche, fil. Johannis Bouche de Scheyle, to his lord William, Dominus de Rideware Hamstall, of all the land which he holds in Seal, with messuage, etc., adjacent. Witnesses: Ralph de la Bathe; William de Tatinhull; Peter de Durantistorp: Dom. Hemeric, tunc capellanus de Scheyle, etc. Temp. Hen. III.

78. GRANT by Gilbert de Echewell, chaplain, to Ralph Camerarius de Rerisbi, of a virgate of land in Seal which he bought from Geoffrey Messur. Witnesses: Peter de Durantisthorp; Henry, fil. persone; William, fil. Alani; Ralph Wyschart, etc. Temp. Henry III.

79. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph Geysemer to Merivale Abbey, of half an acre of land in Seal, lying in Fulbertdunstal. Witnesses: Henry, fil. persone; Peter de Durantestorp; Helias de Hocthorp; Henry Pachet, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

80. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph Goymer de Seyla to Merivale Abbey, of an acre and a half of land in Seal, lying on Flitlondes, Hetghathe and Thwylkesford, with meadow extending to the water of Meoys [R. Meis]. Witnesses: Osbert de Seyle; Richard, clericus; Henry Pechet; Nigel de Seyle, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

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81. GRANT by Robert, Abbot of Merivale, and the Convent, to Ralph, fil. Johannis Wyschard de Sheyl, of two and a half acres of land in Great Seal, lying on the two Cherchehulls and Breryfurlong, in exchange for two and a half acres in the same Seal lying on Fulberdunstal, Haselfurlong, Morfurlong, Steynyldtre, and Stanydal. Witnesses: Henry Pachet; Geoffrey le Messer; John Hoky, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal of the Abbey.

82. GRANT by William Morkoc, fil. et heres Radulfi Morkoc, to Merivale Abbey, of a virgate of land in Great Seal. Witnesses: Peter de Dorandesthorp; Richard, filius eius; Ralph Wyschart, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

83. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Alan, fil. Alani de Magna Seila, to Merivale Abbey, of four selions, of which three lie at Steniltre, and the fourth at Twilkesford. Witnesses: Henry, fil. Willelmi, persone de Seila; Roger Templarius; Ralph Gesemer; John Buche. Temp. Hen. III (early). With seal.

84. GRANT by William, fil. Philippi Ruffi de Seyle, to William, Dominus de Rideware Hanstall, of land in his wood of Seal. Witnesses: Peter de Durandesthorp; Geoffrey Messar; Ralph de la Buche. Temp. Hen. III. With seal. Mutilated.

85. GRANT by Simon, fil. Radulfi Sellarii de Sheyl, to Merivale Abbey, of half an acre of arable land in Seal, lying on Cherchehul. Witnesses: Henry, fil. clerici; Peter de Durantesthorp; Richard Nel; William de Athereston; John Hoky, etc. Hen. III. With fragment of seal.

86. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Symon de Seyle, fil. Radulfi Sellarii, to Merivale Abbey, of half an acre of land in Great

Seal, on Le Hoping. Witnesses: Peter de Dorantisthorp; Elyas de Akethorp; Henry, fil. persone de Seyle, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

87. GRANT by Simon, fil. Radulfi Sellarii de Sheyle, to Merivale Abbey, of half an acre of arable land in Great Seal, the same land being of the fee of the said Abbey, lying near the dyke called Le Ruchedige. Witnesses: William de Rideware; John Wichard; Henry Walrond de Lullington, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With fragment of seal.

88. Grant, in soul-alms, by Symon, fil. Radulfi Sellarii de Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of three acres of land in Greater Seal, situate in Haselfurlong, Sondifurlong Grattrefurlong, Haymeshulleslade, and Chirchehul. Witnesses: Walter de Strettona; Peter de Durandesthorp; Matthew de Stretton; Peter Diuelin, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

89. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Philip, fil. Engenulfi de Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of an acre of land in Seal, lying on Flithlondes, one head of which stretches beyond Le Waterfal, and the other "versus divisas de Lullinton." Witnesses: Osbert de Seyl; Henry de Seyla; Henry Pechet; Nigel de Seyl, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

90. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Geysemeri de Seyl, to Merivale Abbey, of two acres and a half and a rood of land in the fields of Great Seal, in exchange for five half-acres and one rood lying on Chirchehil, Stonifurlong, etc., in the same place. Witnesses: Henry Wischard; Peter de Durantestorp; John Wischard, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

91. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Ralph, fil. Goymeri de Maiori Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of two acres of land in Greater Seal, lying at Flutlondes, Twyrkesford, near the R. Meis, etc. Witnesses: Henry Wischard; John his

brother; Osbert de Seyla; Philip, fil. Engenulfi; Henry, fil. Willelmi quondam Rectoris ecclesie de Seyl. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

92. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Henry, fil. Willelmi quondam rectoris ecclesie de Seylia, to Merivale Abbey, of an acre and a half of land in Greater Seal, lying near Le Eth Gate, Wyteleyis, Steinildetreweye, on Twyrkesford, near the water called Meis, etc. Witnesses: Henry Wyschard; John his brother; Osbert de Seyl, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

93. GRANT, in soul-alms, by Henry, fil. Willelmi quondam Rectoris ecclesie de Seyla, to Merivale Abbey, of an acre of land in Greater Seal, lying at Hoxedich, Wyteleyes, Boueiheresflat. Witnesses: Walter de Streton; William frater suus, Rector ecclesie de Stretton; Peter de Durandesthorp. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

94. GRANT by William, fil. Henrici, fil. persone de Seyle, to William, fil. Walteri de Rydeware, of a messuage in Seal which his father formerly had. Witnesses: Robert de Mauveysin Rydeware; Ralph de la Bache; Robert Selveym, etc. Temp. Hen. III.

95. GRANT by Nigel, fil. Ricardi de Syreschete, with consent of Lettice his wife, to Merivale Abbey, of an acre of land in the fields of Seal, lying on Bovieresflat, and at Puttes. Witnesses: Henry, fil. persone; Richard, clericus; Ralph Oky; Ralph Geysmere. Temp. Henry III. With seal.

96. GRANT by John Wischard de Magna Seyl, to Merivale Abbey, of one half-acre of land in the field of Great Seal, in exchange for another half-acre lying near Claterchote. Witnesses: Henry, fil. persone de eadem villa; Richard le Fiz, etc. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

97. GRANT by John Wyschard to Richard, fil. Hugonis Nechs, of a half-virgate of land in the fields of Seal, namely, that which Martin sometime held from his ancestors: with a rood in Lathemedue, near the meadow of the Grey Monks, and the meadow of the rector of the same place. Rent, two shillings, and on the said Richard's death a heriot, namely, one of his best oxen or beasts. Witnesses: Peter de Dorantesthorp; Henry, fil. persone de Seyle; Alan, fil. Alani. Temp. Hen. III. With seal.

98. GRANT by Symon le Seler to Merivale Abbey, of three acres of land in Seal, lying on Holesiche, Clatercote, Morforlong, and elsewhere. Witnesses: Peter de Dorinthisthorp; Henry, fil. persone de Seyla Magna; Henry Pachet. Endorsed, 1257. With seal.

99. COVENANT made in presence of Martin de Littilbyry and others, Justices Itinerant at Leicester, whereby Agnes de Gresley, Prioress, and the Convent of Gracia-Dei at Belton, grant to William de Wasteneys de Osgodthorp, Richard de Wodecote, John de la Leye, Hawise de Querendon, John Gerard, William Trippe, Robert de Chelardiston, Adam Damel, and others, free tenants of Osgodthorp, common of pasture in their woods of Belton (excepting in the park) for all their cattle; goats at all times, and pigs between Michaelmas and Martinmas excepted: in exchange for similar rights (with the same reservations) in the fields and woods of Osgodthorp. Also, the same free tenants may enclose a certain piece of Belton Wood, namely, that lying between Fayrwaye and Charnewodbrok. Dat. Th. aft. F. of St. John ante portam latinam [6 May] 1262. French.

100. LEASE, for 20 years, by Geoffrey de Greseleye, to Robert de Bilneye, of a half-virgate of land, with messuage and meadow, in Huttisdon [Hixon], which Walter de le Hul sometime held. Annual rent, six shillings, for all

services, "saluis mihi duabus aparenciis per annum curie mee de Morton et salvo mihi seruicio predicti Roberti piscendi et pandoxandi et clauos meos portandi in hospicio meo per tantum tempus prenominatum scilicet per viginti annos si seruicium suum ambobus placuerit sed unam robam dum mecum sit per annum habebit." Witnesses: Roger de Bispiston; William Wimer; Adam Morel, etc. Dat. Michaelmas, 1270.

101. QUIT-CLAIM by Roger de la Lake de Huttisdon and Giliana his wife to Geoffrey de Greseleye, of six acres of land with messuage, etc., in Huttisdon [Hixon]. Witnesses: Dom. Philip de Chetewind; Dom. Adam de Chetewind; Sewallus Tochet; Robert de Breidesale, rector ecclesie de Stowe; Dat. Hingistrente, S. aft. F. of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] 1272.

102. POWER of Attorney by Nicholas de Segrave to John, his eldest son and heir, to affirm and confirm all the covenants between him and Merivale Abbey concerning an exchange of pasture in his wood of Grimswode and his wood of Rosliston. Witnesses: Dom. Geoffrey de Gresele; Dom. Theobald de Nevile; Thomas de Nevile; Robert de Malesouere, etc. [1254-1270]. Temp. Hen. III (late). With seal of arms.

103. GRANT by Geoffrey de Greseleye, fil. et her. Dom. Willelmi de Gresleye, to Richard de Grecewit for his homage and service, of a bovate of land in Morton, an acre of land in Wodecroft, and six selions adjoining. Witnesses: Adam Morel; William Wymer; Richard Wymer, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With seal of arms.

104. LEASE, for lives, by Geoffrey de Greseleye, miles, Dominus de Morton, to John de Hutesdon, capellanus, and Robert, alumnus suus, of a messuage in Hutesdon

[Hixon] with houses standing thereon, and garden, which lately belonged to William super-viridem de Hutesdon. Witnesses: Roger de Aston; John Ridel de Morton, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

105. QUIT-CLAIM by Thomas, fil. Hugonis Arfrey de Nortona, to Dom. Elysabet, quondam uxor Dom. Willelmi de Greseley, of three acres of land in Norton, lying near Spellowe, on Elleforlong, Sondifurlong, Appiltonstul, Kexholm, for which quit-claim the said Elysabet gave the said Thomas twenty-one shillings and a bushel of corn. Witnesses: Dom. Ralph de Grendon; Dom. Robert de Daueñtre, rector of Norton; Richard Lenoreys de Tvycros Gamel, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

106. QUIT-CLAIM, in soul-alms, by Robert de Combrug and Matilda his wife, sometime wife of Henry, fil. persone de Scheyle, to Nicholas de Segrave of that part of their wood which fell to the same Matilda as dower from her first husband, who sold the wood to Dom. Stephen de Segrave, grandfather of the said Nicholas. Witnesses: William de Rydeware; John Poutrel; Robert del Mareys, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With one seal, defaced.

107. QUIT-CLAIM by Mary, vidua, uxor quondam Radulphi Geysmer de Magna Sheyle, to Merivale Abbey, of all the land which the latter held from Ralph her late husband. Witnesses: Peter de Durantesthorp; Henry, fil. persone de Sheyl; Nigel le Doilur. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With seal.

108. GRANT by John Godmer de Durandestorp to Merivale Abbey, of two acres of land in Great Seal, one acre lying at Steynildtreforlong, a half-acre on Breriforlong, and a half-acre on Chirchehul. Witnesses: Richard, fil. Petri de Durandesthorp; Ralph Wischart; Henry Pachet, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With seal.

109. GRANT by John Godmer de Durandesthorp to Merivale Abbey, of two half-acres of arable land in Seal, lying on Caldewellehul, etc., in exchange for two half-acres in the same place. Witnesses: Peter de Durandesthorp; Helyas de Hocthorpe; John Hoky de Sheyle, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With seal.

110. GRANT by Ralph Godefrey de Rostlaston, with the assent of William his son and heir, to Ralph, son of Ralph Talebot, of Rosliston, his kinsman, in free marriage with Goda, daughter of Ralph de Raueneston, of a curtillage in Rostlaston [Rosliston]. Annual rent, one halfpenny at Easter. Witnesses: Robert de Marisco; William de Caldewell; Thomas Lowel, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

111. GRANT by Ralph Godefrey de Rostlaston to William, son and heir of Ralph de Caldewell, of three butts of land in the fields of Rosliston, lying in Chalwescroft beneath the fishpond of the said William near the path leading to Rosliston. Rent, a rose on the F. of St. John Baptist [24 June]. Witnesses: Milo de Meuton; Roger de Somervill; John de Stapenhull; David de Drakelow, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

112. GRANT by Cristiana, quondam uxor Radulfi Harlewine de Rostlaston, widow, to William son and heir of Ralph de Caldewell, of a selion of land in the field of Rostlaston [Rosliston], in Le Nether-Boym. Witnesses: Ralph Godefrey, de Rostlaston; Ralph Talebot, de eadem; Nicholas Hopper, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

113. GRANT, for nine shillings, half a bushel of corn [frumentum], and half a bushel of fine wheat [siligo], by Nicholas Le Hoppere de Rostlaston to Robert de Mareys de Rostlaston, of an acre and a half of arable land in the fields of Rosliston lying in Ruschefurlong, and in Kaldewellesunderlondes. Rent, a rose on the F. of SS. Peter

and Paul [29 June]. Witnesses: William de Kaldewelle; Ralph Thaleboth de Rostlaston; Thomas Luvel, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

114. GRANT by Ralph Nech de Cheyle to Walter and Henry, sons of Giliana Nech, his sister, of a half-virgate of arable land in the field of Seal, which Richard, fil. Hugonis Nech his ancestor, had by gift from John Wichard de Cheyle, and a rood of meadow in Boyemedue, near the meadow of the grey monks and the rector's meadow. Annual rent, four shillings. Witnesses: Andrew de Durasthorpe; Walter de Strettun; Hugh Maheu de Stretun, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With fragment of seal.

115. QUIT-CLAIM by Walter de Sheile to Henry his brother, of a plot of land in Nether Seal. Witnesses: Ralph Wischard de Sheil; John Oky; Geoffrey le Fiz, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With seal.

116. GRANT by Ralph Wyschard, fil. et her. Johannis Wyschardi de Seyle, to Agnes de Wylinton and her sons William, Geoffrey, and Robert in succession, of four acres and a rood of arable land in the fields of Seal lying at Oxedich, Wyteleis, Putfurlong, Ravedic, Netherehaselfurlong, etc. Rent, a pair of white gloves at Easter, or a halfpenny. Witnesses: Peter de Doranthorp; Robert Hasteng; William Grym, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With seal.

117, 118. GRANT, in duplicate, by Ralph, fil. et her. Joh. Wyscard de Maiori Seyle, to Agnes de Welynton, of nine acres and a half and a rood of land in Greater Seal, lying on Haddich, Dademorfurlong, Culrewellehul, Wodehullis, Oxedich, Putfurlong, Steyniltrefurlong, Aspefurlong, Netherhaselfurlong, and Le Wowclondes. To hold at an annual rent of a pair of white gloves, value one halfpenny, at Easter, to the said Agnes and her sons by William,

parson of Lullington, namely, William, Geoffrey, Robert, in succession. Witnesses: William, persona de Stretton; Peter de Dorandestorp; John, fil. Radulphi Oky, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

119. QUIT-CLAIM by William Halpeni de Edeinghale to Agnes de Wylinton de Maiori Seyl, of two messuages in Greater Seal: the said Agnes and her three sons in succession to hold the same from Ralph Wischard at an annual rent of twelve pence. Witnesses: Dom. Henry, tunc loci capellanus; Richard de Dorantthorp; John Oki, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. With seal.

120. GRANT by Ralph Wyschard to Robert Paus and Isabel his wife, of an acre and a half of land in Chirche Scheyle, lying at Le Brendewode, on Lulmeshul, and on Hongindehaseles. Witnesses: Walter de Streton in Scheyle; Geoffrey le Fyz; John Oky, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

121. Similar grant of half an acre of land lying on Le Brendewode. Same date and witnesses. With seal of arms.

122. GRANT by Ralph Wychard to Henry and Walter, sons of William Cheep, of half a virgate of land, with a rood of meadow in Lothemedwe, near the meadow of the Grey Monks. Rent, four shillings; and on the death of the said Henry and Walter one of their best oxen or beasts. Witnesses: Ralph de Burgo, Dominus de Scheyle; Walter de Stretton, clericus de eadem; Walter de Gresele, de Dorandesthorp. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I.

123. GRANT by William de Ridware to Peter Le Poher, miles, of the wood which Peter had by feoffment of Hamo Brun in the fee of Great Seal. Witnesses: Dom. William, tunc rector ecclesie de Lullington; Walter de Bereford

Robert de Ouirton. Dat. Leicester, the morrow of F. of Beheading of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 1273.

124. COVENANT whereby Amice, quondam uxor Ricardi Nel de Pakinton, quit-claims to Merivale Abbey the virgate of land in Seal, which the said Richard granted thereto. Witnesses: Ralph Wischard de Scheyle; Henry Pachet; John Godmer. Dat. Fr. bef. F. of St. George, M. [23 Apr.], 1275. With seal.

125. GRANT by Geoffrey de Gresley to William, fil. Henrici de ——, of a tenement in Hutesdon [Hixon]. Dat. 5 Edw. I [1276-7]. Injured by damp.

126. LEASE, for thirty years, by Geoffrey de Gresley to William, fil. Hugonis de Wasteneys in Hutesdon, of land in Hutesdon. Witnesses: Robert de Bolde; Adam Morel de Morton; Robert de Frediswalle, etc. Dat. Michaelmas, 1279. Injured by damp.

127. LETTER, in form of indenture, from Geoffrey de Greseleye, miles, to William de Thamenhorn, informing him that he has given the annual rent of half a mark due to him for the said William's tenement of Thamenhorn, to Robert de Pipe for his lifetime. Dat. Lullington, M. aft. Exalt. of Holy Cross [14 Sept.], 1283.

128. CONFIRMATION by said Geoffrey to the same William de Pipe, of the rent due from William de Tamenhorn. Witnesses: Robert de Freford; Peter de Colcestre; Thomas de Lynton, etc. Undated. With seal, broken.

129. COVENANT to settle disputes between William, Abbot of Merivale, and Nicholas de Sadgrave [Segrave], made before the Justices Itinerant at Leicester concerning common of pasture in the wood, late belonging to Henry, fil. persone de Scheyle, of Cotes, whereby the Abbey

releases all claim to the said wood to the said Nicholas, and grants him permission to enclose the same with hedge and ditch, leaving a way, forty feet wide, for the Abbey's cattle to pass to their pasture in Grymswode and Rosliston. Witnesses: Dom. William Hamelyn; Dom. Elyas de Oddeston; Dom. William le Waleys; William Purfrey; Robert de Malesoueres. Dat. Th. before F. of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 12 Edw. I [1284]. With seal of N. de Segrave

130. LEASE by Dom. William de Gasteneys de Colton, miles, to Robert de Hethecote, of the tenement in Colton which he acquired on lease from William de Steventon. Rent, four shillings. Witnesses: William Griffin de Colton; Robert de Litelhay, de eadem: Geoffrey ad-fraxinum, etc. Dat. Colton, Thurs. bef. F. of Annun. of B.V. Mary [25 Mar.], 15 Edw. I [1287]. With seal.

131. LEASE, for lives, by Peter de Greseleye to Roger, fil. Giberti Bochard de Appelby, and Richard his brother, of land in Norton Heath, extending to the fields of Appelby. Witnesses: John de Nortun; William de Croxhale; Thomas le Harper de Appelby, etc. Dat. 20 Edw. I [1291-2].

132. LEASE, for lives, by the same to Roger Gilbert de Appelby and Henry his son, of land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Dat. 20 Edw. I [1291-2].

133. LEASE, for lives, by the same to John . . . . de Appelby and Roger his son, of land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Dat. 20 Edw. I [1291-2].

134. LEASE, for lives, by the same to Richard Cali de Appelby and Emmota his wife, of land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Dat. 20 Edw. I [1291-2].

135. LEASE, for lives, by the same to Simon Thomas de Aldustre and Alice his wife, of land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Dat. 20 Edw. I [1291-2].

136. LEASE, for lives, by the same to Robert Franceys de Appelby and Margery his wife, of land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Dat. 20 Edw. I [1291-2].

137. LEASE, for lives, by the same to Roger, fil. Rogeri Johan de Appelby, and Nicholas his brother, of land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Dat. 20 Edw. I [1291-2].

138. LEASE, for lives, by the same, to Richard Pollard de Aldustre and Margery his wife, of land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Dat. 20 Edw. I [1291-2].

139. LEASE, for lives, by the same to Nicholas, fil. Hugonis de Aldustre and Margery his wife, of land in Norton Heath, lying on Filowe, Sciremere, and elsewhere. Same witnesses. Dat. 21 Edw. I [1292-3].

140. LEASE, for lives, by the same to John, fil. Simonis Johan de Appelby, and Richard his brother, of land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Dat. 22 Edw. I [1293-4].

141. COVENANT between Richard, Dominus de Blithefeld, and Dom. Geoffrey de Greseleye, concerning two virgates of land in Morton, which the former claims against the latter by writ of entry in the King's Court, before John de Beuerewik and others, Justices Itinerant in co. Stafford, whereby both parties swear on the Gospels that they will abide by the award of the arbitrators, namely, Dom. John de Kaue, Richard Spigurnel, Henry de Colton, and Walter de Stretton. Witnesses: William de Scheldon,

Prior of Calewich[1] [Calwich, co. Staff.]; Mag. John de Verneye; Thomas Greim; Peter de Gloucestria. Dat. 21 Edw. I [1292-3].

142. LEASE, for lives, by Peter, fil. Galfridi de Gresele, to Simon Colet de Aduluestre and Agnes his wife, of an acre of arable land on Norton Heath: the said land to revert to the lessor's heirs on the death of the longer liver of the two lessees, excepting the crop which at that time may be on the land. Rent, twelve pence. Witnesses: Roger le Freman de Norton; William de Crocsale, de eadem; Geoffrey Thorkel, de Aduluestre, etc. Late Edw. I. [Circ. 1294, cf. No. 143.]

143. LEASE, for lives, by Peter, fil. Dom. Galfridi de Gresele, to William, fil. Johannis Fabri de Aduluestre, of three acres of land in Norton Heath. Annual rent, three shillings. Witnesses: Roger Freman de Norton; William de Crocsale; Henry Gamel, etc. Dat. June, 22 Edw. I [1294].

144. LEASE, for seventy-two years, by Thomas Gilbert de Lullinton to Robert le Hunte and Sybil his wife, of a virgate of land in Doranstorp [Donisthorpe]. Rent, five shillings. Witnesses: Nicholas de Ynguerdeby; William, fil. Elye de Ottherpe; John le Sauwage; Richard de la Chapelhous de Doranstorp. Dat. Michaelmas, 23 Edw. I [1295].

145. LEASE, for lives, by Peter de Gresele to Robert de Scheyle and Roger, fil. Rogeri Gilbert de Appleby, of two acres of land in Norton Heath. Rent, sixteen pence. Witnesses: John de Norton William de Croxhale; Roger Le Fremon. Dat. Christmas Day, 26 Edw. I [1298].

[1] In Ellaston parish Nicholas de Greseleia, fil. Nigel, founded a convent of Black Friars here and gave it to Kenilworth Priory before 1148. Cf. Erdeswick, *Survey of Staffordshire.*

146. GRANT by Geoffrey de Gresele, fil. Willelmi de Gresele, to Henry, fil. Ade de Caluhul, of land in Kingustone. Witnesses: Adam, fil. Walteri; Walter, fil. Ade; William de Holihurst, etc. Late 13th cent.

147. GRANT by Dom. Geoffrey de Greseley, miles, to John Didel de Morton, of half an acre of land with meadow adjacent in Morton, formerly held by John Prepositus, a messuage which Engleys de Morton sometime held, a messuage with twelve acres of arable land, and three acres of meadow which William Didel, father of the above John sometime held, in Morton, an acre of meadow in Colmore, a "forera" of land "apud tres colles gallice thre Lowen" near the King's highway, and other lands in Morton. Rent, eighteen shillings. Witnesses: Roger de Aston; Robert de Wolseleye; William Meuerel, vicarius de Colewich; Robert de Rydeware. Temp. Edw. I. With seal.

148. LEASE, for lives, by Geoffrey de Greseylege, Knt., to William, fil. Henrici de le Heth and Alice his wife, of all that land, tenement, and meadow which Henry, father of the lessee, sometime held in Hucesdon [Hixon]. Witnesses: Robert le Wyte; Richard Wymar de Morton; Robert de Hampton, clericus. Temp. Edw. I. With seal.

149-151. THREE INDENTURES of lease by Geoffrey de Greseley, the particulars of which are illegible. Temp. Edw. I.

152. GRANT by Fr. Richard, Prior, and the Priory of Gresley, to Geoffrey de Greseley, fil. et her. Dom. Willelmi de Greseley, of a piece of woodland "cum vestura" in Seal, which the Priory held by grant from William fil. Henrici persone de Seyle. Witnesses: Dom. Henry de Appleby; Dom. Robert de la Warde; John Grym. Temp. Edw. I.

153. GRANT by John, fil. Hugonis de Colton, to William Wisse de Rugelege, of four selions of land in Colton "apud novam terram". Witnesses: William de Puteo de Rugelege; Richard de Puteo de eadem; Roger de Staventon, etc. Temp. Edw. I. With seal, broken.

154. GRANT by Thomas, fil. Hugonis de Norton, to Dom. Geoffrey de Gresele, chief lord of Norton, of his capital messuage in the vill of Norton, and land lying on Spellow, Fuadepol, etc. Witnesses: John de No[r]ton; William de Crocsale; Richard de Kyngesleye, eo tempore senescallus. [1270-1304.]

155. GRANT by Robert Champeneys de Magna Scheyle to Robert le Walkere de Scheyle, of a toft with part of the house of the said Robert in the vill of Seal. Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: Ralph Wichard de Sheyle; William Henri, de eadem; Ralph Oky, etc. Temp. Edw. I.

156. GRANT by William, fil. Henrici clerici de Magna Sheyle, to Merivale Abbey, of arable land in the field of Seal, namely, beyond Le Chircheweye, near the land sometime belonging to John Oky. Witnesses: Ralph Wischard; Geoffrey de Picwelle; William Phelipe, etc. Temp. Edw. I. With seal.

157. LEASE and quit-claim by William, fil. Walteri, fil. Willelmi de Henoure, to Roger, fil. Walteri de Rideware, dominus de Seile, his lord, of three half-acres of land in the fields of Seal, lying on Longemeres, Steynildestreforlong, and on Houerewerelondes. Witnesses: Richard de Durandesthorp; Hugh, fil. Mathei de Stretton; Ralph ad-boscum, etc. Temp. Edw. I. With seal.

158. GRANT by John Oky de Linton to Reginald de Hestwode, of two selions of land, in Linton, of which one

lies in Fuleflow, and the other in Sepeshusfurlong, with three halfpence annual rent, one penny due from Peter de Pecco, and a half-penny from Robert de Beuerley. Rent, a rose at midsummer. Witnesses: John Grym; Ranulf Oky; Enge de Greseley, and others. Temp. Edw. I.

159. QUIT-CLAIM by William de Wauere, Abbot, and the Convent of Merivale, to Nicholas de Segrave, of common of pasture for his cattle in Grymswode and Rosliston Wood with a chace in Le Hautboys, so that the said Nicholas may enclose the said woods and have them "in suo separabili": in exchange for four acres of his wood in Le Hautboys in Seal. The said Nicholas also, with consent of John his son and heir, grants to the said Abbey permission to enclose "et in separabili optinere" all that piece of land which they formerly acquired, "ad fugacionem averiorum suorum ad pasturam suam de Grymswode et Rothlastonewode", with land called La Gore. Witnesses: Dom. Geoffrey de Gresele, Robert de la Warde, Theobald de Nevyle, Knights; Dom. Hugh de Kaue, rector ecclesie de Clyfton, etc. Temp. Edw. I. With seal of arms of N. de Segrave.

160. GRANT by Ralph Wichard de Scheyle to Henry and Walter, sons of Juliana le Neche de Scheyle, of all the toft and croft which Martin sometime held in Seal. Witnesses: John Oky de Scheyle; Geoffrey le Fys, de eadem; William Aleyn, de eadem, etc. Temp. Edw. I. With seal.

161. QUIT-CLAIM by Ralph, fil. Johannis Wiscard, to John, fil. Walteri de Wedon, of an acre of arable land in Seal, in Grettenefordong, with the homage and service of Walter, fil. Willelmi le Neche, and twelve pence rent from a toft and croft which he holds in Seal. Rent, a rose on the F. of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June]. Witnesses:

Richard, fil. Petri de Durantistorp ; John Oky ; Ralph de Bosco. Temp. Edw. I.

162. LEASE, for lives, by Peter de Greseleye, fil. et her. Dom. Galfridi de Greseleye, to Nicholas Russel de Appelby and Matilda Hauwys his wife, of three acres of land and a rood of waste land in Norton Heath, near the road leading from Twycros to Clifton, and other land near the same road. Same witnesses. Dat. Norton, S. aft. F. of St. Dunstan [21 Oct.], 29 Edw. 1 [1301].

163. LEASE, for lives, by the same to Richard Pollard de Alduluestre and Ralph his son, of eight acres of land in Norton Heath, lying near the King's highway leading from Alduluestre [Austrey, co. Warw.] towards Norton. Rent, eight shillings. Witnesses: William de Crocsale de Norton: Thomas le Harpour, de Appelby; William Thorkel, etc. Dat. Norton, Mor. of F. of SS. Tiburtius and Valerian [14 Apr.], 30 Edw. I [1302].

164. LEASE, for lives, by the same to Simon Colet de Alduluestre and Agnes his wife, of an acre of arable land in Norton Heath. Same witnesses. Undated.

165. QUIT-CLAIM by Peter de Gresele to John de Segrave, of three pieces of waste land in the fields of Gresley, Lynton, Rosliston, Cotene, and Lullington. Dat. Gresley, F. of Inv. of Holy Cross [3 May], 33 Edw. I [1304]. French.

166. GRANT by William de Snarkeston in Meysam to Richard, fil. Rogeri de Nayleston in Snarkeston, of two roods of land at Flote, near the land of the Prior of Repton. Witnesses: Robert de Croumwalle de Meysam ; William Fraunke ; Thomas Wymond, etc. Dat. Snarkeston, Th. bef. F. of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 33 Edw. I [1305]. With seal.

167. BOND by Robert de Lynton, to give back to Godfrey le Venur two selions of land which he holds as a pledge for a debt of ten shillings, whenever the said Godfrey, after a term of three crops, shall be willing to pay the said sum. Witnesses · Nicholas de Bedenhal; Thomas de Aula; Henry de Chorleymor. Dat. S. bef. F. of St. Thomas Ap. [21 Dec.], 34 Edw. I [1305].

168. LEASE, for lives, by Peter de Greseleye to Robert de Scheyle and Matilda de Aminton, of an acre of land in Norton Heath, on Le Brounhil. Rent, fourteen pence. Witnesses: Henry de Norton; William de Croxhale; Roger le Fremon, etc. Temp. Edw. I (late).

169. GRANT by William de Marisco de Rostelaston to William le Waleys de Walton and Agnes his wife, of five acres in Rostliston field, lying at Drakelowemere, Grettenfurlong, Le Toftes, Hungerhill, Le Peteputtes, and Axfurlong (outside the priest's garden). Witnesses: Roger Adam de Walton; William Dunstan; Robert de Fynderne, etc. Dat. Rosliston, Th. in Whitsun week [2 June], 1 Edw. II [1308].

170, 171. GRANT, in duplicate, by John de Meysham, fil. Willelmi de Meysham, to Richard, fil. Rogeri de Nailiston, of three half-acres of land in the field of Meisham [co. Derby], lying on Redhul, Chul towards Fulsiche, Watermedwe, and elsewhere. Witnesses: Robert de Crumbwelle, de Meysham; William de Swepston, clericus; John de Nayliston, etc. Dat. Meisham, Morr. of F. of Nat. of St. John Bapt. [25 June], 1 Edw. II [1308]. With seal.

172. QUIT-CLAIM by William, fil. Johannis de Meisham, to Richard, fil. Rogeri de Naileston, of arable land in Meisham; on Chul towards Fulsiche, between the land of the Prior of Repton, and the land of Roger Henri de

Appulby. Witnesses: William de Meisham; Thomas, fil. Rogeri de Snarkeston; Nicholas Stake, de eadem, etc. Circ. 1308.

173. COVENANT to settle disputes between Thomas de Rideware, and the Abbey of Merivale, whereby, on the intervention of Walter de Baa and Robert de Stoke, the said Thomas releases to the Abbey all claim to common of pasture in the heath and waste of Shertwode in Over Seal, and in the wood La Gore, on which release the said Abbey is to give the said Thomas a palfrey, etc. Dat. Seal, Wed. aft. F. of St. John a. p. l. [6 May], 6 Edw. II [1313]. With seal of arms.

174. GRANT by Thomas de Rideware, Dominus de Magna Sheyle, to Merivale Abbey, that they may enclose their meadow in Great Seal called Le Mormedewe, near le Tounhous, and a certain piece of land before the gate of the sheep fold towards Childecote, in return for which the said Thomas may enclose all his meadow of Seal called Le Mormedewe, the Abbey reserving common of pasture as long as the meadows are not enclosed. Witnesses: Dom. Walter de Baa; Dom. Richard Le Vernun; Dom. Henry de Appulby, knights, etc. Dat. Great Seal, Fr. aft. F. of St. Augustine [26 May], 1314. With seal of arms.

175. GRANT by Hugh, clericus de Chirchesheylle, to John le Coupere and Isabella his wife, of land in the fields of Seal, lying on Le Sties, near the land of Gresley Priory, at Mapelenestomb, near the land of Merivale Abbey, at Fouracres and in Dademour. Witnesses: John Oky; William Wyschard; Richard Oky, etc. Dat. Seal, S. aft. F. of St. Dunstan [21 Oct.], 9 Edw. II [1315].

176. LEASE, for twelve years, by John Oky to Roger, fil. Ricardi de Aula de Durantherp, and Cibilla his wife, of a

messuage in Nether Seal, situated near Le Mulnelone. Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: William Wichard, de Netherscheyl; Geoffrey le Fiz; Robert Molendinarius etc. Dat. Seal, S. Vigil of Purif. of the B. V. Mary [1 Feb.] 9 Edw. II [1316].

177. LEASE by Stephen de Segrave, in the name of his lord and father, John, Lord of Segrave, to William le Warde, de Cotene, of the Mill of Rosliston, with suit of court. Rent, twenty shillings and sixpence: the said William finding as surety to observe the conditions of the lease Richard Deveneshire de Cotene. Dat. Tues. aft. F. of St. Chad, Bp. [2 Mar.], 9 Edw. II [1316].

178. CONFIRMATION by William Wyschard, fil. Radulfi Wyschard, of a grant by his tenant Hugh, clericus de Chirchesheylle, to John le Coupere de Sheylle and Isabella his wife, of land in the fields of Seal, on payment of annual rent of fourpence to the said William as chief lord. Witnesses: John Oky; Geoffrey le Fuz; Robert le Fuz, etc. Dat. Seal, S. aft. F. of Holy Trinity [6 June], 9 Edw. II [1316].

179. GRANT, for life, by William, fil. Willelmi Wychard, and Geoffrey, Ralph, and Peregrine, his brothers, to their father, William Wychard, of the capital messuage which they acquired by grant from their father, with arable land in the fields of the same town. Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: Dom. Thomas de Rideware and Henry de Appelbi, milites; Osbert de Stretton, etc. Dat. Church Seal, F. of Nat. of B. V. Mary [8 Sept.], 10 Edw. II [1316].

180. GRANT by William, fil. Willelmi de Cardewryge de Ouerschell, to Elyas, fil. Willelmi le Herdmon de Cherchechell, of three roods of land in the fields of Over Seal. Witnesses: John Oky; Robert le Fiz; Richard Oky, etc.

Dat. Church Seal, Tu. on F. of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 10 Edward II [1316]. Copy.

181. LEASE, for lives, by Geoffrey, fil. et her. Dom Petri de Greselegh, militis, to Agnes, relicta Willelmi de Chesturschyre de Hughtesdon and Michael her son, of a moiety of one virgate of land and meadow in Hughtesdon [Hixon], which the said William held during his life from the said Geoffrey. Witnesses: Roger de Aston; Richard de Blythefeld; Henry le Whyte de Hughtesdon, and others. Dat. Morton, S. aft. F. of St. Peter in cathedrâ [22 Feb.], 10 Edw. II [1317].

182. GRANT by Andrew, fil. Radulfi Wyschard, to Osbert, fil. Walteri Domini de Stretton, of two cottages, with land, in Church Seal. Witnesses: Dom. Henry de Appelby, miles; John Oky; Richard Henry; Robert Dyvelyn de Stretton. Dat. F. of Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 10 Edw. II [1317].

183. LEASE, for twenty years, by William Champeney de Nethere Sheyle to John de Normynton, miller, of a plot of land in Nether Seal lying near Mill Lane. Rent, a rose, at midsummer; but after the term of twenty years, twenty shillings yearly. Witnesses: Geoffrey le Fiz; William Wychard; John Oky, etc. Dat. F. of St. Ambrose [4 Apr.], 10 Edw. II [1317]. With seal.

184. GRANT by Ralph, fil. Radulfi de Seyle, to Robert Paus de Sheylle, of a rood of land in Church Seal. Witnesses: Robert le Fuz; Richard Oky; Geoffrey le Fuz, etc. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 10 Edw. II [1317]. With seal.

185. GRANT by Geoffrey, fil. Petri de Greseleye, to Hugh Gernon, persona ecclesie de Ylkesleye, of all his manor of Morton, with villeins, their "sequele", chattells,

etc., and all his lands, and tenements which the said Geoffrey holds in Morton and Huccesdon [Hixon]. The said Geoffrey grants to the said Hugh all the rents which Thomas, Peter, Edmund, Robert, and Roger, his brothers hold on lease from Peter de Greseleye his father in the same places, together with the manor of Hyngeston and the mill there. Witnesses: Roger de Aston; Richard de Blythefelt; Adam de Ruggelye; Richard de Wolseleye, etc. Dat. F. of Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 11 Edw. II [1318]. With seal of arms (rim broken).

186. QUIT-CLAIM by William Le Fiz de Maiori Schele to Roger Reyner de Cliftun, of arable land in Seal, lying on Longefurlong. Witnesses: Geoffrey le Fiz de Scheyle; Richard Okey; William, clericus de Scheyle, etc. Dat. Vig. of Ascension [1 June], 11 Edw. II [1318].

187. GRANT by Robert, fil. Roberti Le Fyz de Chirchesheyle to Dom. Richard de Twyford, capellanus, of two pieces of land in Church Seal, lying on Gosemedwe, and five acres of land in Seal lying on Stonyfurlong, Aymeshul, Fernyfurlong, Caldwellehul, and elsewhere. Dat. F. of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], 13 Edw. II [1320].

188. COVENANT between John Okey and Sire William de la Warde for the marriage of John, eldest son of the former, with Maud de Schftynton, "su nurrie". Dat. Alduluestre [Austrey], Fr. F. of St. Benedict [21 Mar.], 13 Edw. II [1320]. French.

189. GRANT by John Oky, Senior, to his son John Oky, of all his lands and tenements in Nether Seal. Witnesses: William Wychard; Richard Henry; Clement Pachet; Henry Drake de Tamworth, confector presentis carte, etc. Dat. 5 Id. Apr. [9 Apr.], 13 Edw. II [1320]. With seal.

190. Similar grant of all his goods and chattels in Nether Seal. Same date.

191, 192. LEASE, and counterpart, by John Oky, junior, to his father John Oky, senior, for his life, of a messuage and virgate of land in Nether Seal. Rent, a rose at midsummer Witnesses: Jerard de Seckyndon; William Wychard de Sheyle; Clement Pachet, etc. Dat. Wed. aft. F. of St. Augustine [May 26], 13 Edw. II [1320].

193, 194. LEASE, and counterpart, by John Oky, junior, to John Oky, senior, for his life, of a moiety of a virgate of land in Nether Seal, the latter covenanting to supply food and clothing to the said John his son and Matilda his wife. Same witnesses and date.

195. GRANT by William de Brewode, of Church Seal, to Ralph his son, of six acres of land in Nether Seal. Witnesses: William Wychard; John Oky; Robert Miller, etc. Dat. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 13 Edw. II [1320].

196. GRANT by William, fil. Henrici le Fuz de Sheylle, to William, fil. Roberti le Fuz, de Sheylle, of land in the fields of Church Seal, lying on Wytehull, Lyllemeshull, and Cliftondygk. Witnesses: John Oky; William Wyschard; Richard Henry, etc. Dat. F. of St Matthew [21 Sept.], 14 Edw. II [1320].

197. LEASE, for thirty years, by Richard Durant, de Walton super Trent, to William Talebot de Rostelaston, of land in Walton, lying on Le Breche, etc. Rent, a rose, at midsummer. Witnesses: William Dunstan de Wallton; John Traynel, de eadem, and others. Dat. Michaelmas, 14 Edw. II [1320].

198. LEASE, for lives, by Thomas de Rideware Hamstall, miles, to Gilbert Henry de Yoxhale, and to his sons

William, Richard, and John, in succession, of one virgate of land in Church Seal which Henry Oky sometime held. Witnesses: Dom. Richard de Tweyford, capellanus; William Vichard de Scheyle, etc. Dat. Seal, F. of Circumcision, 14 Edw. II [1321]. With seal.

199. LEASE by Richard Toucchet de Snarkeston to Osbert de Stretton, Dominus de Stretton, of an acre of arable land in Church Seal. Witnesses: John Oky de Sheylle; Robert Le Fuz; Richard Oky, and others. Dat. Seal, Thursd. aft. F. of St. Agatha [5 Feb.], 14 Edw. II [1321].

200. GRANT by Richard Henry de Magna Scheyle to Merivale Abbey, of arable land in Nether Seal, lying at Colrewallemor, in exchange for arable land in Over Seal, lying on Le Flates. Witnesses: William Wychard; John Oky; Clement Pachet. Dat. Seal, F. of St. Peter ad vincula [1 Aug.], 16 Edw. II [1322]. With seal.

201. GRANT by Ralph Mechel de Roslaston to William Talbot, junior, de Roslaston, of land in Rosliston. Witnesses: Robert Fabel; Stephen le Warde; William le Warde. Dat. Rosliston, Tu. aft. F. of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 16 Edw. II [1322].

202. QUIT-CLAIM by Matilda Gilbert de Lullinton, widow, to William, fil. Radulfi Wychard de Maiori Sheyl, of a tenement with houses built thereon in Seal, which she acquired by grant from John de Lullinton her brother. Witnesses: Thomas Walrand de Lullinton; John Oky; Richard Henry. Dat. Seal, F. of Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 16 Edw. II [1323].

203. GRANT by Robert Nichol de Rostelaston to William Talebot, senior, de Rostelaston, of two parts of a messuage and of land in Rosliston, which he formerly held,

as it was divided between him and Cecily his late daughter. Witnesses: Richard Mareys; Robert Mareys; Ralph Michel, etc. Dat. F. of Ascension [5 May], 16 Edw. II [1323].

204. GRANT by Hugh, clericus de Maiori Sheylle, to William, fil. Roberti Le Fiz, de eadem Sheylle, of arable land in Great Seal, lying in Heye Mukelhull. Witnesses: John Oky; Richard Henry; Clement Pachet, etc. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Edith Virg. [14 May], 16 Edw. II [1323].

205. QUIT-CLAIM by Mariota, relicta quondam Willelmi Huelin, de Meisham in comitatu Derbeye, to William, fil. Radulphi Wychard de Chirchesheyle, of a tenement in Seal which the said William had by grant from John de Lullinton. Witnesses: John Oky; Richard Henry; William, clericus de Scheyl, and others. Dat. S. aft. F. of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 16 Edw. II [1323]. With seal.

206. GRANT by William, clericus de Maiori Sheyle, to John, fil. Willelmi, fil. Galfridi, atte Wode de eadem villa, of arable land in the fields of Great Seal, "in cultura que dicitur atte Rede Forde", one head of which abuts on the meadow of the Rector of Seal, which is called Tithemedewe, and the other on Caldewallehil. Witnesses: Osbert, Dominus de Stretton; John Oky; William Wychard. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. Laurence [2 Feb.], 17 Edw. II [1324].

207, 208. LEASE, in duplicate, by John, fil. et her. Walteri de Stratton de Churche Scheyl, to Mag. William de Pallesword and Margery his wife, of a messuage in Church Seal, lying within the messuage of Thomas de Rideware, miles, which Margery de Blacfordeby holds for life from the said Thomas. Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: John Oky; William Wychard; Richard Oky, etc. Dat. W. aft. Epiphany [6 Jan.], 18 Edw. II [1325].

209. QUIT-CLAIM by John, fil. Walteri de Stratton, to Mag. William de Polleswort and Margery his wife, of the tenement which he now holds in Great Seal. Witnesses: John Oky; Richard Henri; Richard Oky. Dat. Seal, F. of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 18 Edw. II [1325].

210. GRANT by William Bate de Durandesthorp to John, fil. Walteri de Strettona and Isabella his wife, daughter of the grantor, of his capital messuage in Church Seal, and all his meadows, tenements, rents, services, and reversions in Church Seal, Over Seal, Donisthorpe, and Okttorp [Oakthorpe], co. Leic. Witnesses: Roger de Aula de Durandesthorp; Roger del Chapelhous; John Mold, etc. Dat. Trinity Sunday [2 June], 18 Edw. II [1325].

211. GRANT by Hugh le Clerc de Sheyle to Dom. Thomas de Rydeware, miles, Dominus de Sheyle and Dom. Isabella his wife, of a "forera" [? headland] of land in Church Seal, lying in Le Haselfeld. Witnesses: John Oky; Richard Henry; Richard Oky, etc. Dat. Fr. after F. of St. Germain, Bp. [31 July], 19 Edw. II [1325]. With seal.

212. GRANT by John, fil. et her. Johannis Oky, with his father's consent, to John in le Huyrne de Sheylle, of half an acre of land in the fee of Seal, lying in Le Wodehullus, and abutting on the monks' wood. Witnesses: William Wyschard; Richard Henry; Robert Oky. Dat. F. of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 19 Edw. II [1325].

213, 214. GRANT, in duplicate, by Geoffrey, fil. et her. Petri de Gresleye, militis, to Alice, fil. Reginaldi le Blake de Longedon and to Adam her son, of a messuage and moiety of a virgate of land in Huttesdon *al.* Hughtesdon [Hixon], late held by Oding in-le-Hurne. Rent, una galanda rosarum, at Midsummer, and twenty shillings

yearly to Richard, the grantor's brother, for all services and customs, saving two appearances at the grantor's court at Morton Manor at Easter and Michaelmas. Witnesses: Geoffrey de Wasteneys; Philip de Chetewynd; Henry de Heywode, etc. Dat. M. bef. F. of St. Mark [25 Apr.], 1 Edw. III [1327].

215. WARRANT to the Sheriff of co. Leicester to deliver seisin of the third part of a messuage, with meadow, in Church Seal, which William Wichard de Sheyle, Senior, has recovered in the King's Court against John Dicsone de Tamworth and Alice his wife by assise of new disseisin. Dat. Loughborough, 21 Sept., 1 Edw. III [1327].

216. GRANT by John, fil. Johannis Oky, to Robert, fil. Willelmi de Brewode, of a rood of land in Sheyle, lying on Wodehull. Witnesses: William Wischard de Sheyle; Richard Henry; Richard Oky. Dat. S. bef. F. of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 1 Edw. III [1327].

217. LEASE, for lives, by Geoffrey, fil. et her. Petri de Greseley, militis, to Richard, fil. Thome de Borenton and Avice his wife, of a messuage in Huccesdon. Witnesses: Roger de Aston; William le Freynche; William Bisschop, and others. Dat. 1 Edw. III [1327-8].

218. GRANT by Hugh, clericus de Chircheshcyl, to Hemeric, fil. Willelmi de Brewod, of arable land in the field of Church Seal. Witnesses; Roger, Dominus de Dorentesthorpe; John Oky; William Wichard, etc. Dat. Seal, F. of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], 1 Edw. III [1328].

219. GRANT by John Oky, Senior, and John his son, to William, fil. Willelmi de Brewod in Sheyl, and Robert his brother, of two roods of land in Nether Seal, "in cultura qua dicitur Lacressement." Witnesses: William Wichard;

Richard Henrici; Richard Oky. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 3 Edw. III [1329]. With seal.

220. GRANT by William, clericus, fil. Radulphi Attewode de Chirchesheyl, to Dom. Ralph dictus Waleys de Shepesheued, capellanus, of a selion of land in the field of Church Seal on Wodehilles. Witnesses: Dom. Edmund de Appelby, mil.; Dom. William de Staunton, mil.; Hugh, persona de Sheyl; John Oky, etc. Dat. Seal, S. aft. F. of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 3 Edw. III [1329].

221. QUIT-CLAIM by John, fil. Walteri de Stretton, to Ralph, fil. Willelmi Wychard de Sheyl, of twelve pence annual rent issuing from his tenement in Church Seal, and of an acre of arable land in Gretenefurlong in the same place, being in the hands of Richard Tuchet de Snarkeston. Witnesses: John Oky; Richard Henrici; Dom. Ralph, capellanus de Sheyl, etc. Dat. S. bef. F. of St. Margaret [20 July], 3 Edw. III [1329].

222. GRANT by William, fil. et her. Radulfi Wyschard de Sheyle, to Peregrine his son, chaplain, of the messuage with houses built thereon, etc., in Seal (which houses Robert, fil. Henrici le Fuz, Rachel his wife, and Robert their son, hold for their lives), with reversion, if the said Peregrine die, "sine assignato per litteram suam constituto in forma iuris", to Ralph his brother, son of the grantor. Witnesses: Dom. Edmund de Appelby, miles; Dom. William, rector ecclesie de Stretton; John Oky, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of Inv. of Holy Cross [3 May], 4 Edw. III [1330].

223. COVENANT of lease by Dom. Isabel de Rideware, to John, dictus Blunt, of that messuage in Seal in which the latter dwells with Cecily his wife, and ten acres of arable land which the said Cecily acquired on lease from Dom. Thomas de Rideware for her life in the fields of

Seal. Witnesses: William, dictus Heyward; Richard Loret; Emeric Oky, etc. Dat. Wed. aft. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 4 Edw. III [1330].

224. GRANT by William, fil. Willelmi Wychard de Chircheshеyl, to Dom. Peregrine his brother, chaplain, of arable land in the fields of Church Seal, lying on Dademor, Wowelondes (near the land of Dom. Isabella de Rideware), Wodefeld, "in cultura de Oxedich", and at Chirchebrigg in Estfeld. Witnesses: Dom. Edmund de Appelby, miles; Hugh, persona de Sheyl; Mag. William, persona de Stretton, etc. Dat. W. aft. Nat. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 4 Edw. III [1330]. With seal.

225. GRANT by the same to the same, with Ralph their brother, of arable land in Church Seal, lying in Dademor, Wodefeld on Oxedich, Estfild at Chirchebrigg, and on Wowelondes. Rent, a rose, at midsummer. Same witnesses and date. With seal.

226. GRANT by John Okey de Sheyl, senior, to Dom. Ralph dictus Waleys, capellanus de Shepesheued, of arable land in Church Seal lying at Wylkesforde. Witnesses: Dom. Edmund de Appelby, mil.; William de Staunton, mil.; William Wychard, etc. Dat. W. bef. F. of St Dunstan [21 Oct.], 4 Edw. III [1330].

227. LEASE, for lives, by Geoffrey de Gresley to William de le Heth and Alice his wife, of land in Huxtesdon [Hixon]. Dat. Easter [4 Edw. III 1330].

At the back, a similar lease to Richard, fil. Margerie [le Heth] in the same place. Dat. 4 Edw. III [1330]. Much damaged by damp.

228. CONFIRMATION by William, fil. Radulphi Wychard, of his son William's grant [cf. Nos. 224, 225] of three acres and a half of land in Seal, to Dom. Peregrine, chap-

lain, his son. Witnesses: Dom. William de Staunton and Edmund de Appelby, milites; John Oky, etc. Dat. F. of Ass. of B. V. Mary [15 Aug.], 5 Edw. III [1331]. With seal.

229. LEASE by Dame Isabel de Rideware, Dame de Sheyl, to Margery dau. of William Morel de Falde, of the tenement and the ten acres of arable land which John le Blunt held in Seal. Witnesses: John Oky; William Phelip; William Heyward. Dat. Michaelmas Day, 5 Edw. III [1331]. French.

230. GRANT by William, fil. Roberti le Fiz de Chirchesheyl, to Dom. Ralph Waleys, capellanus de Shepesheued, of three selions of arable land lying together in Hengindehaseles in Church Seal. Witnesses: William Wychard; John Oky; Richard Oky, etc. Dat. W. aft. F. of St. Cedde, Bp. [2 Mar.], 6 Edw. III [1332].

231. GRANT by Geoffrey Wychard to Dom. Ralph Walsche, of half an acre of land on Brendewode in Nether Seal. Witnesses: Richard Loret; William Clerk; Richard Hanri, etc. Dat. F. of St. John Baptist [24 June], 6 Edw. III [1332]. With seal.

232. GRANT by Ralph Le Walsche, de Schepesheued, capellanus, to John, fil. Sibille Schot de Kyngesbromle, of Seal, of three acres and a half and a rood of arable land in Nether Seal, with remainder, if the said John die without direct heirs, to William his brother. Rent, six pence, on St. Barnabas Day. Witnesses: William Wychart; Richard Loret; John Oky, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. James [25 July], 6 Edw. III [1332].

233, 234. FINAL CONCORD, with counterpart, whereby William, fil. Willelmi Wychard, conveys to William, fil. Radulphi Wychard, a messuage and land in Nether Seal.

Dat. Midsummer Term (and subsequently at Martinmas Term). 6 Edw. III [1332].

235. GRANT by Richard Henry de Sheyle to Robert, fil. Willelmi de Brewod de Scheyle, of arable land in the field of Seal, near the cross standing in Le Lycheweye. Witnesses: John Oky; Richard Lorret; William Phelipp; etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. Philip and St. James [1 May], 7 Edw. III [1333].

236. LEASE, for life, by Margaret que fuit uxor Galfridi de Greselegh to Adam in le Mor de Wolseleye, of a moiety of the messuage and tenement which William de Morhay holds from the said Margaret in Morton; with remainder on the said Adam's death, to John, fil. Willelmi de Bylynton, and Lettice his wife for their lives. Witnesses: Thomas, fil. Felicie de Wolseleye; John Abotheway; William Rydel, etc. Dat. Morton, F. of St. Hilary [13 Jan.], 7 Edw. III [1334].

237. GRANT by William de Brewode de Scheyl to William, his elder son, and his heirs, of one part of his messuage, with arable land in Seal. Witnesses: William Phelip; Richard Loret; John Oky, etc. Dat. S. bef. F. of St. Barnabas [11 Jan.], 8 Edw. III [1334].

238. QUIT-CLAIM by Richard, fil. Hemerici Oky, pistoris de Scheyl to Hemeric de Brewod, of the arable land in Seal, which Hemeric his father granted to John de Barynton. Witnesses: William Wichard; John Oky; Richard Loret, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 8 Edw. III [1334].

239. GRANT by Clement Pachet de Sheyle to John, fil. Willelmi, fil. Galfridi de Sheyle, and to Henry, son of the said Clement, of land in Great Seal; with reversion on the said John's death to the grantor and Isabella his wife.

Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: John de Stondle, rector of Seal; William Wyschard; Richard de Stretton. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Clement [17 Nov.], 8 Edw. III [1334].

240. QUITCLAIM by Margaret que fuit uxor Galfridi de Greseleye to Matilda que fuit uxor Ricardi Wymare, of a messuage and bovate of land in Morton. Dat. Morton, Christmas Eve, 8 Edw. III [1334]. With seal.

241. GRANT by Hemeric Brewod de Sheyl to Robert his brother, of a rood of arable land at Le Brendewod in Seal, which the said Hemeric formerly acquired by grant from Robert Paus de Sheyl. Witnesses: John Oky; William Phelip; Ralph de Brewod, etc. Dat. S. aft. the Octave of Epiphany [6 Jan.], 8 Edw. III [1335].

242. LEASE, for lives, by Margaret que fuit uxor Galfridi de Greseleye to Adam, fil. Radulphi de Hampton and Joan his wife, of a messuage in Morton. Rent, sixteen pence "et metent cum uno homine in autumpno per unum diem et facient duas apparencias ad curiam meam de Morton". Witnesses: Hugh le Whyte; William atte Broc; Henry de Kyngeston, etc. Dat. Morton, W. aft. Octave of St. Hilary [13 Jan.], 10 Edw. III [1336].

243. COVENANT whereby James de Stafford, Knight, and Dame Isabel his wife, with consent of Hemery, son and heir of William, fil. Geoffrey, le Fuz de Scheyl, to Richard Lorret de Scheyl, of the ward and marriage of Lucy, Margery and Rachel, daughters and heirs of the late Robert, fil. Geoffrey le Fuz. Dat. S. aft. F. of Pur. of B. V. Mary [2 Feb.], 10 Edw. III [1336]. French.

244. QUIT-CLAIM by John, fil. Walteri de Stretton, to Robert le Fitz de Sheyle, of the rents and services of Henry Chepe de Sheyle issuing from a messuage in Seal, which the

said Robert acquired for his life, by grant from Richard, fil. Alicie de Snarkeston. Witnesses: John Neel; Richard le Meleward; William le Hayward. Dat. M. aft. F. of Inv. of Holy Cross [3 May], 10 Edw. III [1336]. With seal, broken.

245. LEASE by Richard le Mareys de Rostelaston to William, fil. Willelmi Talbot de eadem, and Cecily his wife, of three selions of arable land in the fields of Rosliston, lying on Sonderlondus, Southfield, and Gratterfurlong. Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: William Talbot, senior; Robert le Mareys; William le Warde de Coton, etc. Dat. Rosliston, M. aft. F. of St. Thomas, M. [21 Dec.], 10 Edw. III [1336].

246. GRANT by Robert Paus de Sheyle to Robert de Brewod, of a selion lying on Lylmyshull in the field of Seal. Witnesses: John Oky; William Wychard; Richard Lorret, etc. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Ambrose [4 Apr.], 11 Edw. III [1337].

247. GRANT by John, fil. et her. Johannis Oky de Magna Scheyle to William, fil. Roberti le Fitz de Sheyle and Agnes his wife, of arable land in Mapelenestub in Great Seal. Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: Robert le Clerk de Sheyle; William le Hayward de eadem, frater eius; William Attewode, etc. Dat. Whit-Sunday [8 June], 11 Edw. III [1337].

248. GRANT by John Oky de Scheyl to William, fil. Radulfi Wychard de eadem, of three roods of arable land in Le Rowdyche in Seal, with the option of holding the same on lease on the expiration of fifteen years, at a rent of thirty shillings, yearly. Witnesses: William Wychard; Richard Lorret; Richard Henry, etc. Dat. S. aft. Michaelmas Day, 11 Edw. III [1337].

249. QUIT-CLAIM by Henry Chep de Sheyle to John, fil. Rogeri de Meysham, of the messuage which the former's sisters, Matilda and Isabella, sometime held for their lives, in Seal. Witnesses: Dom. William, rector ecclesie de Stretton; Richard de Stretton; John Oky, etc. Dat. Fr. aft. F. of Conc. of B. V. Mary [8 Dec.], 11 Edw. III [1337].

250. GRANT by John Nel de Scheyl to John Wylkyn de eadem, of arable land in Seal, "inthestfeld super Stoniforlong". Witnesses: John Oky; William Hanry; Richard Lorret, etc. Dat. S. aft. Epiphany [6 Jan.], 11 Edw. III [1338].

251. GRANT by Robert, fil. Roberti le Fiz de Nethersheyl, to Robert de Brewod, of arable land in Seal, on Chirchehul, between the land which John, molendinarius, holds from the Priory of Gresley, and the land which Gilbert Henry holds from the Lord of Seal. Witnesses: William Wichard; Richard Loret; William Attewod, etc. Dat. F. of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 12 Edw. III [1338].

252. SETTLEMENT of suits and disputes between Dom. Ralph de Sheyle, capellanus, and John Wylkyn, de eadem, concerning the boundaries, etc., of their respective lands in Seal. Witnesses: Clement Pachet; Henry Neel; John Oky, etc. Dat. Seal, F. of Ascension [25 May], 14 Edw. III [1340].

253. LEASE by John, fil. Galfridi de Greseleye, to Henry Sauvage and Richard, fil. Matillis Fraunceys, of thirteen acres of land in Norton iuxta Twycros. Witnesses: Edmund de Greseley; John Othe Grene; and William de Pakeman. Dat. Norton, M. aft. F. of St. Katharine [25 Nov.], 14 Edw. III [1340].

254. LEASE, for lives, by James de Stafford, mil., and Isabel his wife, to William, fil. Rose Oky, of an acre of

land in the fields of Seal. Rent, nine pence. Witnesses: Dom. John de Horseleye, rector ecclesie de Scheyle; William Attewode; Richard Loret, etc. Dat. Sat. aft. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 15 Edw. III [1341].

255. GRANT by Rose Oky to Dom. William her son, chaplain, of a half acre and a rood of land in the fields of Seal, lying on Wyhul and on Unduryohul. Witnesses: Richard Loreth de Scheyle; William Phelyp; William Attewode, etc. Dat. F. of Pur. of B. V. Mary [2 Feb.], 16 Edw. III [1342]. With seal.

256. GRANT by Margaret de Greseleye to John Wymare de Morton, his servant, of all that land in Colton, at Le Newelond, which she acquired by grant from Nicholas de Chaueleye. Witnesses: Nicholas de Chaueleye de Bletheburi; Richard Colet del Newelond; Edmund de Greseleye, junior. Dat. "apud le Newelond", F. of St. Gregory [12 Mar], 16 Edw. III [1342].

257. POWER OF ATTORNEY from William de Leycestre, Abbot of Merivale, to Richard de Passemere and John de Lee, to deliver seisin to Edmund de Appelby and Dame Joan his wife, and the heirs of their bodies begotten, of a toft and meadowland called Bussewell, etc. Dat. Merivale, F. of St. Denis [9 Oct.], 16 Edw. III [1342]. French.

258. LETTERS PATENT of Peregrine Wyschard, capellanus, whereby he appoints his brother Ralph Wyschard his perpetual assign to hold during his life that messuage with houses standing thereon, orchards, etc., in Church Seal, which Robert, fil. Henrici le Fiz, Rachel his wife, and Robert their son, at present hold for their lives. And for the better strengthening of this appointment he has caused this deed to be sealed with the seal of Walter, Decanus Christianitatis Coventrensis et subsequestrator decanatus. Witnesses: Roger le Mason de Couentre; John de Sheyle,

de Couentre; Stephen de Wynturton, de Coventre, etc. Dat. Coventry, Th. aft. F. of Conv. of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 1344. With seals, broken.

259. LEASE by Ralph, fil. Willelmi Wyschard de Sheyle, to William Wyschard his brother, of all that land and messuage, with houses and dovecots built upon it, and orchard, pool, etc., in Church Seal, which William his father gave to him, the said Ralph, and to Dom. Peregrine, capellanus, jointly: and other land and meadow in the same place, which William his brother and John Oky gave to the said Dom. Peregrine. Witnesses: Mag. William de Pollusworth, clericus de Sheyle; John Oky; William Henry, etc. Dat. Easter Monday [5 Apl.], 18 Edw. III [1344].

260. LEASE, for lives, by Dom. James de Stafford, mil., and Dom. Isabel his wife, to Richard de Notinkham, of Seal, and Alice his wife, of a messuage in Seal. Rent, four shillings and sixpence. Witnesses: William Phelip; Richard Loret; William Attewod, etc. Dat. F. of St. George [23 Apr.], 18 Edw. III [1344].

261. LEASE, for life, by Thomas de Gasteneys, Knt., and Joan his wife, to John de Gasteneys, his brother, of a messuage of arable land and meadow in Brassingburgh [Braceborough, co. Linc.] and Gretford, formerly belonging to Geoffrey de Burton. Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: Ralph Mortimer; Geoffrey West; William Charite, etc. Dat. Brassingburgh, Th. aft. F. of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 18 Edw. III [1344]. With seal of arms.

262. GRANT by William Scot de Rostelaston to Dom. Adam Gould, capellanus, and Richard Austyn de Herlaston, of a messuage and land in Rosliston and Coton which the said William inherited on the death of Richard

and Margery Scot, his father and mother, with the goods, chattels, and growing crops on the same land, and the reversion of three acres of land which Nicholas le Meleward holds for his life in Coton. Witnesses: Stephen le Warde; William Talbot; Richard Isbel, etc. Dat. Rosliston, F. of Ass. of B. V. Mary [15 Aug.], 18 Edw. III [1344].

263, 264. GRANT, and counterpart, by William, fil. Willelmi, fil. Radulphi Wychard, to Ralph Wychard, his brother, of the messuage with houses and dovecots standing upon it, orchard, pool, etc., in Church Seal: with two acres of arable land there, lying on Oxdygch and on Cademour near Le Priorrusakur of the Abbey of Merivale. Rent, eighteen silver pence. Witnesses: Mag. William de Pollusworth de Sheyle; William Attewode; John Oky, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of Pur. of B. V. Mary [2 Feb.], 19 Edw. III [1345].

265. GRANT by John Oky to Ralph his brother and Alice his wife, of two pieces of land in Seal. Witnesses: William Wichard; Richard Loret; William Henry, etc. Dat. M. aft. F. of SS. Vedast and Amand [6 Feb.], 19 Edw. III [1345].

266. GRANT by John Nel to Mag. William de Pollesworthe, clericus, and Margery his wife, of an acre of land in Church Seal, lying on Churchehul, and at Holsiche. Witnesses: James de Stafford, miles; John Oky; William Wich, etc. Dat. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 19 Edw. III [1345]. With seal.

267. GRANT by John Oky to Thomas Oky, his brother, and Isabel his wife, of land in Seal, near the King's highway. Rent, four silver pence. Witnesses: William Loret; Henry Nel; William Phelyp, etc. Dat. Seal, Fr. after F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 19 Edw. III [1345].

268. GRANT and sale by Humphrey Hastang, Archdeacon of Coventry, to William de Bromleye, his clerk, of all his goods and chattels in all his tenements, which he acquired by grant and feoffment from Robert, fil. Johannis, fil. Walteri de Colton, in the fee of Colton, Morton, Heywode, and Biston. Dat. Colton, M. aft. Nat. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 19 Edw. III [1345]. With small official seal.

269. LEASE, for twenty years, by Matilda quondam uxor Henrici Chep de Scheyl, to John Oky, of meadow land in Seal. Witnesses: John, rector ecclesie de Scheyl; William Henry; Richard Loret, etc. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Gregory [12 Mar.], 20 Edw. III [1346].

270. GRANT by John Oky, to William de Pollesworthe, clericus, and Margery his wife, of a rood and a half of arable land in Church Seal, "quarum tres faciunt unam acram integram." Witnesses: William Attewod; William Phelip; Richard Loret, etc. Dat. Th. aft. F. of St. Petronilla [31 May], 20 Edw. III [1346].

271. QUIT-CLAIM by Alice, Isabel, and Christina, daughters of Richard de Brewode de Schayle, to John, fil. Radulphi de Brewode de Schayle, of a messuage and land which they hold by feoffment from their father. Witnesses: John Hoky, ad finem ville; William Henry; Richard Hoky, etc. Dat. F. of St. Peter ad vincula [1 Aug.], 20 Edw. III [1346].

272. GRANT by William Talbott, Senior, de Rostlaston, to John de Calangewode, capellanus, of a messuage and land in Rosliston, lying in Le Forti, Le Aysche, Broukforlong, le Mulneforlong, and elsewhere. Witnesses: Walter de Wynterton de Caldewall; Thomas Abel; William le Child, etc. Dat. Rosliston, F. of St. Leonard [6 Nov.], 20 Edw. III [1346].

273. GRANT by Isolda, que fuit uxor Nicholai le Mulner de Coton, to William Scot de Rostelaston, of land in the fields of Coton, lying on Le Haystowe, Le Hascheforlong, and at Le Breche. Witnesses: Richard Isabel de Rostelaston; Ralph Mareys, de eadem; William Talbot, etc. Dat. Coton, M. aft. F. of Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 21 Edw. III [1347].

274. QUIT-CLAIM by William, fil. Willelmi Talbot de Roslaston, to Alice, que fuit uxor Willelmi Talbot, and to John her son, of all those lands and tenements which the said Alice and John held in Rosliston by grant from John atte Calengewode, capellanus, and which the latter acquired from William Talbot, father of the abovementioned William. Witnesses: Dom. Ralph de Rostlaston, capellanus; John Hoky; Stephen Warde de Coton, etc. Dat. Rosliston, W. bef. F. of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 21 Edw. III [1347].

275. GRANT by Elias Cok de Ouerscheyle to John Wylkyn de Chirche Sheyle, of a rood of arable land in Church Seal, lying at Kynewallebottes. Witnesses: Richard Lorret; William Attewode; Richard Oky, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. John, a.p.l. [6 May], 23 Edw. III [1349].

276. GRANT by Adam, fil. Johannis Molendinarii de Netherscheyl, to Thomas Motoun and Isabel his wife, sister of the grantor, of a messuage in Nether Seal, "iuxta venellam molendini." Witnesses: Richard Loret, Senior; Richard his son; Robert de Brewode, etc. Dat. T. bef. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 23 Edw. III [1349].

277. GRANT by John Oky to Edmund de Ridewarc, rector ecclesie de Sheyle, and Robert de Elyngton, capellanus, of all his lands and tenements in Seal, which are held

from the Prior of the Hospital of St. John. Witnesses: Dom. James de Stafforde, mil.; Geoffrey Walrond; Richard de Aula de Durantesthorp. Dat. T. bef. F. of Nat. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 23 Edw. III [1349]. With seal.

278. GRANT by Thomas Motoun to Richard de Horseley and Margery, fil. Isabelle, fil. Johannis Molendinarii de Nethersheyle, of a messuage in Nether Seal "iuxta venellam molendini." Witnesses: Richard Loret, senior; Richard Loret, junior; Robert Clerk. Dat. Newton Regis, S. aft. F. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 23 Edw. III [1349].

279. POWER OF ATTORNEY to Richard Loret, senior, to deliver seisin of the same. Same date.

280. LEASE, for lives, from Merivale Abbey to Hugh, fil. Willelmi le Hayward de Netherscheyl, and Joan his wife, of all that place and virgate of land which the said Hugh's father sometime held in the town and fields of Nether Seal. Rent, seventeen shillings, payable "ad tres anni terminos in dicta villa usitatos." Dat. "apud Miram vallem", F. of St. Mary Magd. [22 July], 24 Edw. III [1350]. With seal.

281. GRANT by Thomas Oky to John, fil. Roberti Welham de Sheyle, of a messuage in Seal. Witnesses: Hemeric le Fitz; William Wichard; William Oky, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. George [23 Apr.], 25 Edw. III [1351].

282. LEASE by John, fil. Roberti Welham de Sheyle, to Joan uxor Thome Oky de Sheyle, of the same messuage in Seal, for her lifetime, and on her death to revert to the "proper heirs" of the said Thomas Oky. Witnesses: Emeric le Fitz; Robert, clericus; William Attewode, etc. Dat. F. of St. Mark [25 Apr.], 25 Edw. III [1351].

283. GRANT by Margaret de Gresley to Roger de Aston, mil., of all her tenements, etc., in Le Hurne de Hughtesdon [Hixon]. Witnesses; Hugh de Bisshton; John de Hughtesdon, etc. Dat. Easter, 26 Edw. III [1352].

284. RECORD of "quare cessavit" concerning the mill of Colton, which John de Greseleye, Knt., and Joan his wife, by their attorney Roger de Greseleye, sought and recovered from Henry de Ruggeleye. Dat. Westminster, Trinity Term, 26 Edw. III [1352].

285. COVENANT between Hugh de Hopwas, Canon of Lichfield, Nicholas de Yvinghoe, parson of Grendon-under-Arderne, and William de Hopwas, on the one part, and William de Pipe of Draycote-under-Needwood, and Joan his wife, on the other part, concerning a nine years' lease by the latter to the former (and the conditions of an under-lease to Thomas de Hampton, Knt.), of the manor and advowson of Church Seal. Witnesses: Richard de Vernoun, Edmond de Appelby, senior, Knights; John de Rechford; Henry le Warde de Appelby. Dat. S. aft. F. of Inv. of Holy Cross [3 May], 30 Edw. III [1356]. French.

286. GRANT by William, fil. Willelmi Oky, to Dom. Hugh de Hopewas, persona ecclesie de Clifton, of two messuages and two virgates of land and other tenements in Nether Seal. Witnesses: Dom. Edmund de Appelby, senior; Dom. Edmund de Appelby, junior, mil.; William de Ingwardeby, etc. Dat. Nether Seal, S. aft. Nat. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 31 Edw. III [1357].

287. QUIT-CLAIM by the same, with Robert his brother, of the same tenements. Same witnesses. Dat. Th. aft. F. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 31 Edw. III [1357].

288. QUIT-CLAIM by Agnes, fil. Willelmi de Drayton de Pollesworth, to William de Hopewas, of all the lands and

tenements which were Henry de Drayton's in cos. Warw. and Staff. Witnesses: Richard de Stoke, Mayor of Coventry; Thomas de Shepeye and Henry Dylcok, Bailiffs of Coventry; Peter de Stoke, etc. Dat. Coventry, Morr. of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 31 Edw. III [1357]. With seal, broken.

289. GRANT by Agnes, fil. Eliec. Kok de Ouershele, to Ralph Couper, of all the lands, tenements, etc., in Over Seal and Nether Seal, which she obtained on the death of her father. Witnesses: Robert Clerc, senior; Robert Clerc, junior, etc. Dat. F. aft. F. of Holy Trinity [27 May], 32 Edw. III [1358].

290. GRANT by Henry Pachet de Scheyle, capellanus, to Robert, fil. Willelmi le Fiz de Nethurscheyle, of three acres of arable land in Nether Seal, with the reversion of two roods which Margery quondam uxor Willelmi de Blacfordeby now holds in Seal, "nomine dotis", since the death of her husband, lying at Solbardonstall, Lyciendich and Sondyfurlong. Witnesses: William Attewode; John Hemeri; William le Fiz, etc. Dat. F. aft. F. of St. Agatha [5 Feb.], 33 Edw. III [1359].

291. GRANT by Isabella, fil. Willelmi du Fys de Sheyle to Henry Pachet, capellanus, and others, of a portion of land from a certain tenement which she holds by feoffment from John le Brewode. Witnesses: William Attewode; John Hemery; John Rual, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. John, a.p.l. [6 May], 33 Edw. III [1359].

292. GRANT by John de Brewode to Robert, fil. Willelmi le Fitz, of land in Nether Seal, lying on Le Styes, Le Wodehulles, Le Crechement, and at Munnyngeswalle. Witnesses: William Attewode; William Oky; Robert le Clerk, etc. Dat. Sat. bef. Nat. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 33 Edw. III [1359].

293. GRANT by William de Waterfal and John de Welham, presbyteri, to Richard de Horseleye, capellanus, and Agnes, fil. Amery de Thorp, of a messuage in Nether Seal near Mill Lane. Rent, six pence, at the F. of Pur. of the B. V. Mary for a light for the Blessed Virgin at Seal Church. Witnesses: William de Hopewas; Robert, clericus, senior, de Sheyle; Hugh Hayward, etc. Dat. S. bef. F. of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 34 Edw. III [1360].

294. GRANT by William Talbot de Rostlaston, Senior, to William his son, of a moiety of a virgate of land in Rosliston which sometime belonged to William Talbot, father of the grantor, lying on Apultrefurlong, Bruggefurlong, Le Mere, Grettenefurlong, Wethslade, Blakelondes, etc. Witnesses: Richard Marreys; Robert Marreys; Nicholas Isbel, etc. Dat. Rosliston, M. aft. F. of Ann. of B. V. M. [25 Mar.], 25 Edw. III [1361].

295. GRANT by Robert, fil. Willelmi le Fyz de Sheile, to Richard de Horsleie, John de Atherston, chaplains, and others, of the moiety of an acre of land in the fields of Seal, "super stadium vocatum Brookfurlong". Witnesses: Robert le Clerk, senior; Gregory, ballivus; William Robyn, etc. Dat. F. aft. Epiphany [6 Jan.], 35 Edw. III [1362].

296. GRANT by Robert le Fiz de Nether Sheile to Robert his son, of a messuage in Nether Seal which he holds on lease from Ralph le Fiz. Witnesses: William de Hopewas; Hugh le Hayward; William Wychard, etc. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], 35 Edw. III [1362].

297. GRANT by John, fil. Rogeri de Meysham, mulner, to Robert le Clere, junior, of a messuage in Church Seal, late held by John Couper. Witnesses: John Bayly; John

Hemery; Hugh le Hayward, etc. Dat. F. aft. F. of Conc. of B. V. Mary [8 Dec.], 36 Edw. III [1362].

298. QUIT-CLAIM by William, fil. Willelmi Oky de Sheyll, manens apud London, to Dom. Hugh de Hopewas, canonicus ecclesie cathedralis Lichfeldensis, and to William de Hopewas, of all his lands and tenements in Nether Seal. Witnesses: John Baily; William Attewod; Robert Clerc. Dat. Seal, S. aft. F. of St. Scholastica [10 Feb.], 37 Edw. III [1363].

299. COVENANT whereby John Louterel de Boulby grants to Dom. John de Greseleye, mil., and to Dom. Joan his wife, all the lands, tenements, woods, pastures, rents, services, windmill, etc., which the former has for his life in Colton (excepting the advowson of Colton Church); the said John de Greseley and Joan his wife undertaking that "post vendicionem et succisionem bosci qui vocatur Marchaleshey, salvabunt dictum boscum per tres annos in separali". Witnesses: Ralph Bagot, Dominus de Blithefeld; Thomas Mauveisyn; Mag. Henry de Blithefeld, etc. Dat. Drakelow, F. of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 37 Edw. III [1363]. With seal.

300. GRANT by John Neel de Nethur Scheyle to John de Brewode, of all the lands and tenements which he holds by feoffment from the latter in Nether Seal and Donisthorpe, with remainder, on the said John de Brewode's death, to his children, William, John, Matilda, and Alice in succession. Witnesses: William Attewode; John Hemery; William Oky, etc. Dat. Th. aft. F. of All Saints [1 Nov.], 37 Edw. III [1363].

301. LEASE by John de Greseleye, Knt., and Dame Joan his wife to Nicholas de Greseleye, son of the said John, of the lordship and all the lands which they hold in Norton by Twycross: to hold to the said Nicholas and

Thomasine his wife, daughter of the said Joan, and the heirs of their bodies begotten. Dat. Norton, Sat. bef. F. of St. George [23 Apr.], 38 Edw. III [1364]. French. With seal.

302. GRANT by Richard le Coupere de Sheyle to Robert Fytz de Sheyle and Joan his wife, of a messuage and nine acres of arable land which fell to him on the death of John le Coupere his father and Henry Chep his uncle in Nether Seal. Witnesses: William Wychard; John Hemery; William Oky, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. Benedict [21 Mar.], 39 Edw. III [1365]. With seal of arms.

303. GRANT by William le Glover de Catton to John, fil. Stephani de Coton, capellanus, of arable land in Rosliston, lying on Brokforlong, Bruggeforlong, etc. Witnesses: William Talbot; Richard Mareys; Nicholas Isabel, etc. Dat. Rosliston, F. of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 39 Edw. III [1365].

303*. LEASE by John de Greseleie to Thomas Fremon, of five acres of land in Norton Heath. Dat. Drakelowe, 40 Edw. III [1366-7]. French.

304. POWER OF ATTORNEY from Hugh de Hopewas, canonicus ecclesie Cathedralis Lichfieldensis, to Thomas ———, capellanus in Scheile, to deliver seisin to Ralph Scheile, clericus, of a messuage in Church Seal. Dat. Lichfield, Fr. aft. Epiphany [6 Jan.], 40 Edw. III [1367]. With seal of arms.

304*. GRANT by Margery, quondam uxor magistri Willelmi de Pollesworth, widow, to Dom. Geoffrey Fitz de Sheyle, vicarius ecclesie de Fylongleye, of a messuage in Church Seal, lying between the tenement of the late Dom. Thomas de Rideware, mil., and the tenement which Richard

de Stafford, miles, holds. Witnesses: William Wychard; John Bailly; William Oky, etc. Dat. 29 Jan., 40 Edw. III [1366].

305. LEASE by Robert le Clerk de Nethersheile, to William his son, and Alice and Joan, the latter's sisters, of a messuage in Nether Seal, to hold during the life of the lessor. Rent, forty shillings. Witnesses: William Attewode; Hugh le Hayward; William Wychard, and others. Dat. Nether Seal, Fr. aft. F. of Conv. of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 41 Edw. III [1367].

306. GRANT by Geoffrey, fil. Thome Oky, to William de Hopwas, of the reversion of a messuage with buildings upon it in Nether Seal, which will fall to him on the death of Joan, widow of the above-named Thomas Oky. Witnesses: Dom. Richard de Horseley, capellanus; William Attewode de Nethurscheyle; William Oky, and others. Dat. Wedn. aft. F. of Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 41 Edw. III [1367].

307. QUIT-CLAIM by Ralph de Parys and John de Coton, capellani, to Henry, fil. Roberti Mareys, clericus, of all their lands and tenements in Rosliston and Walton on Trent, which they had by grant from Alice, que fuit relicta Willelmi Talbot, sen., de Rosteleston. Witnesses: Stephen Warde; Richard Mareys; Nicholas Isbel. Dat. Rosliston, Fr. bef. F. of Conv. of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 41 Edw. III [1368].

308. GRANT by John Canne de Rostelaston to Richard de Blaggreiv, manens in Rostelaston, of a messuage in Rosliston. Witnesses: Richard Mareys; William Talbot; Stephen le Warde, etc. Dat. Tu. aft. Michaelmas Day [29 Sept.], 42 Edw. III [1368].

309. GRANT by Robert Mareys to Henry Mareys, clericus, of a messuage with garden near the messuage of William Humbreston, rector ecclesie de Walton, with all his goods in the town and fields of Rosliston. Witnesses: Richard Mareys; Nicholas Isbel; John Canne, etc. Dat Rosliston, Sat. aft. F. of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 42 Edw. III [1368].

310. GRANT by Robert le Clerk to Robert le Fiz, of a curtilage with buildings upon it, and an acre of arable land in the field of Seal. Witnesses: William Wychart; William Oky; Hugh le Hayward, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of Pur. of B. V. Mary [2 Feb.], 43 Edw. III [1369].

311. GRANT by Geoffrey, fil. Thome Oky, to William Hopwas, of the reversion of a messuage in Nether Seal, which should fall to him on the death of Joan his mother. Witnesses: Dom. Richard de Horseley, capellanus; William Wychard; William Oky. Dat. W. aft. F. of Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 43 Edw. III [1369].

312. GRANT by Robert, fil. et her. Ricardi Isbel, to John de Coton, capellanus, and others, of the reversion of all the tenements and lands in Rosliston which Joan his mother holds during life, and which will fall to him on her death. Witnesses: Richard Marreys; Nicholas Isbel; John Canne, etc. Dat. Easter Monday [2 Apl.], 43 Edw. III [1369].

313. QUIT-CLAIM by the same of the reversion of the same lands. Same witnesses. Dat. W. aft. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 43 Edw. III [1369].

314. SIMILAR GRANT by the same to the same, of the lands and tenements in Rosliston, which fell to him on the death of John Isbel, his uncle. Same witnesses and date. With seal.

315, 316. GRANT and QUIT-CLAIM by Richard de Stafford, Dominus de Clyfton-Caumville, miles, to Dom. Hugh de Hopewas, canonicus ecclesie Cathedralis Lichfeldensis, of all the lands, tenements, etc., in Nether Seal, which the said Richard acquired by grant from Robert Spelage. Witnesses: Edmund de Appelby, Knt.; John his son; William Oky, etc. Dat. Th. and Sat. aft. F. of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 44 Edw. III [1370]. With seal of arms.

317. GRANT by Robert Clerk to Robert Cartwrytth, of a messuage in Seal, which he holds by grant from Robert le Fitz his father. Witnesses: William de Hopewas; William Oky; John Bayli, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 44 Edw. III [1370].

318. LEASE by John de Greseleye, Knt., and Joan his wife, to Nicholas their son, of the manor of Osgathorpe, co. Leic., excepting the glebe meadow which Sir Richard Araz holds, and an acre of land which John Stanard holds, and the advowson of the chapel of Osgathorp. Witnesses: Robert Tebbe de Threngeston; Henry Jurdan de Threngeston; John Tebbe, etc. Dat. Osgathorpe, F. of Pur. of B. V. Mary [2 Feb.], 46 Edw. III [1372]. French.

319. LEASE, for lives, by Dom. John de Greseley, miles, and Dom. Joan his wife, to Roger Grace del Newlond and Alice his wife, and on their death to John their son, of a piece of land in Colton. Witnesses: John Wimar, del Newlond; John le Clerk, de eadem; John le Clerk de Colton, etc. Dat. Colton, F. of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 46 Edw. III [1372]. With seal of arms.

320. GRANT by Dom. John de Greseleye, mil., and Dom. Joan his wife, to John, fil. Willelmi le Clerk de Colton, of a piece of land and pasture in Colton called Le Brechheye, in exchange for a piece of moor called Griffinesmor, in Colton. Witnesses: Henry Puys, de Ruggele; Adam

Prentys; John Griffyn, etc. Dat. F. of St. John, a. p. l. [6 May], 47 Edw. III [1373]. With seal.

321, 322. GRANT by Hugh de Hopewas, persona ecclesie de Clifton, to Dom. John de Hopewas, William de Yoxhale, and others, of two messuages, etc., which he acquired by grant from William Oky in Nether Seal. Witnesses: Edmund de Appelby, mil.; John de Appelby, mil.; Ralph Loret, clericus, etc. Dat. M. and W. aft. F. of St. Lucy [13 Dec.], 47 Edw. III [1373]. With seals of arms.

323. POWER OF ATTORNEY by the same to Dom. Robert de Shefton, capellanus, to deliver seisin of the above lands. Dat. W. aft. F. of St. Lucy [13 Dec.], 47 Edw. III [1373]. With seal of arms.

324, 325. GRANT and QUIT-CLAIM by Isabel, fil. Willelmi Geffesone, to Ralph Loret, of a messuage in Nether Seal, which fell to her on the death of John Wilkyn de Netherscheile, her brother. Witnesses: John Neel; Hugh Hayward; William White, etc. Dat. F. aft. F. of SS. Tiburtius and Valerian [12 Apr.], 48 Edw. III [1374].

326. GRANT by Richard Blagreue, manens in Caldewalle, to Walter, fil. Ricardi Mareys, of a messuage in Rosliston. Witnesses: John Abel; Stephen Warde; William Talbot, etc. Dat. Rosliston, S. aft. F. of St. John, a. p. l. [6 May], 48 Edw. III [1374].

327. GRANT by Pain Bozoun to Dom. Nicolas de Greseley, mil., of all the lands and tenements in Osgathorp, which he acquired by grant from Alice, quondam uxor Nicolai Cotell. Witnesses: Robert Tebbe; John Aleyn; John Baret, etc. Dat. Osgathorpe, W. bef. F. of Corpus Christi [1 June], 48 Edw. III [1374]. With seal.

328. GRANT by Robert Clerk, fil. et her. Roberti le Fyz, Clerk, senior, with the assent of Isabel his wife, to Ralph Lorret, of two acres and a half of arable land in the fields of Nether Seal. Rent, a rose, at Midsummer. Witnesses: William Wychard; William Oky; Robert Cartewrighte, etc. Dat. S. bef. F. of St. Katharine [25 Nov.], 49 Edw. III [1375]. With seal.

329. GRANT by John Stykebocke de Colton to Dom. John de Greseleye, mil., and Dom. Joan his wife, of half an acre of meadow in Colton, lying in Oxemedewe. Witnesses: Mag. Henry de Blythefeld; Henry Puys; Thomas Dymmok, etc. Dat. F. of St. Dunstan [21 Oct.], 50 Edw. III [1376].

330. GRANT by Robert Clerk, junior, de Netherscheile, and Isabel his wife, to Ralph Lorret, of land in the fields of Nether Seal, between the meadow of the Abbot of Merivale, now in the hands of Dom. Richard de Stafford, mil., and the highway. Witnesses: William Wychard; John Baily; Robert Cartwright, etc. Dat. T. aft. Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 51 Edw. III [1377]. With seal.

331. GRANT by Robert de Pype to John de Bollowe, rector ecclesie de Scheyle, and others, of his manor of Draycote subtus Nedewod with the mill and other appurtenances in Draycote and Morton: together with his Manor of Seal, with the advowson and other appurtenances, and all his lands, tenements, rents, etc., in Edingale. Witnesses: Dom. John de Verdon; Dom. Thomas de Arderne; Dom. Edmund de Appulby, mil., etc. Dat. T. aft. F. of Inv. of Holy Cross [3 May], 51 Edw. III [1377].

332. GRANT by Walter, fil. Willelmi de Sheile, to Henry and Walter, fil. Juliane, fil. Ricardi le Nethe (in exchange for a burgage in Bromley Abbots) of his whole toft and croft which Martin sometime held in Church Seal, lying

between the toft and croft of Ralph Morkoc et "ferrata via eiusdem ville". Witnesses: John Oky; William Aleyn; Richard Oky, etc. Temp. Edw. III.

333. GRANT by John Ruale de Sheile, William Wychard, William Oky and others to Ralph Loret and John de Melton, presbyter, of a messuage in Nether Seal, lying near the road leading to the water-mill of Seal. Witnesses: Robert de Pipe, Dominus de Scheile; Roger le Ferour; William Attewode, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. Faith [6 Oct.], Ric. II [1377].

334. QUIT-CLAIM by John Thomesone de Harleston and John Freberne, clericus de Fulburne, to Richard Heyne, serviens Domine de Segrave, of all those lands and tenements which they hold by grant from Sarra, fil. et her. Thome Baron de Rostlaston, in Rosliston and Coton. Dat. Yclyngton, co. Cambr., 1 Jan., 1 Ric. II [1378].

335. QUIT-CLAIM by the same of the same lands to Richard Heyne de Melborn. Same date.

336. QUIT-CLAIM by Matilda, quondam uxor Thome Baron de Rostliston to Richard Heyne de Melborne, of all the lands and tenements in Rosliston and Coton, which sometime belonged to Thomas her husband. Dat. Yclyngton, 1 Jan., 1 Ric. II [1378]. With seal.

337. QUIT-CLAIM by Robert Walker de Atherstone and Agnes his wife to Ralph Lorret, of a messuage in Church Seal, near the road leading to the water-mill. Witnesses: Thomas Reynald de Atherston, tunc ballivus eiusdem; John Bewer; William Gurdeler. Dat. Atherstone, Fr. bef. F. of St. Ambrose [4 Apr.], 1 Ric. II [1378]. With two seals (one, a seal of arms).

338. POWER OF ATTORNEY from John de Greseleye, Knt., to Thomas Toby and others to take seisin of the lands and tenements late held by William Pelle his nephew. Dat. Drakelow, F. of All Saints [1 Nov.], 2 Ric. II [1378]. With seal of arms. French.

339. GRANT by William Prentyse de Colton to Dom. John de Greseleye, mil., and Dom. Joan his wife, of half an acre of meadow in Colton, lying in Oxmedewe. Witnesses: Mag. Henry de Blythefeld; John Gryffyn; William de Penne, etc. Dat. Colton, S. aft. F. of Pur. of B. V. Mary [2 Feb.], 2 Ric. II [1379]. With seal.

340. GRANT by John Gurmondle *al.* dictus John Tomson de Maisham to Thomas Wydderley, fil. Johannis Wydderley, of lands and tenements in Nether Seal. Witnesses: William Shelton; William Pachet; Charles Shapley, etc. Dat. 10 Feb., 2 Ric. II [1379].

341. QUIT-CLAIM by John Harecourt, Esquire, and Margaret his wife to Henry Vernon, Esquire, of two messuages and two virgates of land within the lordship of Nether Seal. Dat. Th. aft. F. of St. Gregory [12 Mar.], 2 Ric. II [1379].

342. MANUMISSION by John de Greseleye, mil., Dominus de Drakelowe, of Thomas Nettebreyder, "Botiler de Drakelowe," with all his suit and following, goods and chattels. Dat. Drakelow, S. aft. F. of St. Augustine [26 May], 2 Ric. II [1379]. With seal of arms.

343. QUIT-CLAIM by Henry Mareys, capellanus de Rostlaston, to Walter Mareys, of a messuage and garden in Rosliston, lying between the messuage of Richard Mareys and the messuage of the late William Humbreston, rector ecclesie de Walton-super-Trent. Witnesses: Stephen

Ward; William Canne; John Abell, etc. Dat. Rosliston, T. aft. F. of Holy Trinity [22 May], 3 Ric. II [1380]. With seal.

344. GRANT by Thomas de Morlee, miles, marescallus Hibernie, to Dom. John de Greseleye, mil., and to Dom. Joan his wife, and to the heirs and assigns of the said Joan, of all the lands and tenements, etc., which he holds in Colton, co. Staff., with the advowson of the church: together with the reversion, on the death of John Luterel, of all the lands, etc., in Colton which the latter holds for his life by grant of Dom. William de Morlee, father to the said Thomas. Witnesses: Dom. William Chetewinte, Dom. Robert Maveysyn, Dom. John Bagot, Dom. Thomas de Aston, Dom. Thomas de Thomonhern, milites, etc. Dat. Colton, F. of St. Peter ad vincula [1 Aug.], 6 Ric. II [1382].

345. POWER OF ATTORNEY by the same to Edmund Toly and John Marchys to deliver seisin of the above-named lands in Colton. Same date. With seal of arms, broken.

346. POWER OF ATTORNEY from Emma, widow of Richard Couper de Nethersheyle, to Robert Cartewreight de Netherscheyle of a messuage and three acres of arable land in Nether Seal. Witnesses: William Oky; John Neel; William Fitz, etc. Dat. F. of Cecilia [22 Nov.], 8 Ric. II [1386].

347. GRANT by Nicholas Isabel *al.* vocatus Nicholas Grene de Allerwas to Walter Marreys de Rostlaston of all his lands and tenements in Rosliston. Witnesses: John Abel; William Marreys; Stephen Warde, etc. Dat. Whitsun Tuesday, 9 Ric. II [1386]. With seal.

348. POWER OF ATTORNEY by Nicholas Isabel, *al.* Nicholas Grene de Allerwas, to William Hood de Coton, to deliver seisin to Walter Marreys de Rostlaston, of all his lands in Rosliston. Undated.

349. QUIT-CLAIM by Isabella que fuit uxor Roberti Clerk de Netherscheile, widow, to Ralph Loret, of all her lands and tenements in Nether Seal, which were John Wilkin's. Witnesses: Edmund de Appelby, fil. Domini Edmundi militis; William Wychard, etc. Dat. F. of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 11 Ric. II [1388]. With seal.

350. SIMILAR QUIT-CLAIM to Edmund, fil. Edmundi Appelby, chyvaler, William Waterfall, and others, of the same lands. Dat. Sat. aft. F. of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 11 Ric. II [1388]. With seal.

351. LEASE by William Otewalle, capellanus, and John Brewode de Scheyle, to Tibota Douce and Symon Neel her son, of all the lands and tenements which they acquired by feoffment from John Neel in Nether Seal, excepting that messuage, etc., which Henry Neel sometime held in Seal by lease from William Clerk, on his marriage with the latter's daughter Cecily. Witnesses: Edmund de Appelby; Ralph Loret; William Oky, etc. Dat. Sat. after F. of Circumcision [1 Jan.], 12 Ric. II [1389].

352. LEASE by Robert, fil. Henrici Neel, to Tibota Douce and Simon Neel her son, of the messuage, etc., which William Clerk de Scheyle gave to Henry Neel on his marriage with Cecily his daughter. Dat. Seal, S. aft. F. of Circumcision [1 Jan.], 12 Ric. II [1389].

353. GRANT by John de Hopewas, persona ecclesie de Wappyngbury, John de Comberford, and Richard Walton de Lichefeld, senior, to Henry Broun de Lichefeld, of two messuages, etc., in Nether Seal, which they and William de

Yoxhale, capellanus, Henry Swan, capellanus, and others acquired by feoffment from Hugh de Hopewas, nuper persona ecclesie de Clyfton Caumville. Witnesses: Robert Swynfen; William de Lee; Edmund Appulby, etc. Dat. F. of Exalt. of Holy Cross [14 Sept.], 16 Ric. II [1392].

354. POWER OF ATTORNEY to John Rous to deliver seisin of the same. Same date.

355. WILL of Joan de Greseley, Domina de Drakelowe, wherein she directs that she is to be buried in the parish church of Brassingborough, and leaves the following bequests: to the Rector of Brassingborough, "nomine principalis", one horse, value 40 *sh.*; to each of her servants 10 *sh.*; to the Prior of Gresley, "unum principale prout decet"; to Thomas de Greseleye, 20 marks, and the residue "ad dispositionem domini mei domini Johannis de Greseleye". Dat. Drakelow, Fr. bef. Whitsunday [25 May], 16 Ric. II [1393]. With probate, dated V. Kal. Jan., 1393.

356. QUIT-CLAIM by Thomas Schepherde de Scheyle and Cecily his wife, to Ralph Lorret de Scheyle, of all those lands and tenements which were formerly John Wilkyn's in Nether Seal. Witnesses: William Oky; William Legegode; William White. Dat. S. aft. F. of Ass. of B. V. Mary [15 Aug.], 17 Ric. II [1393].

357. GRANT by Robert Cartwryghte to John Brewode and Simon Nel, of all his lands and tenements in Nether Seal. Witnesses: William Oky; William Legegode; John Horn, etc. Dat. Th. aft. F. of St. Edmund [20 Nov.], 17 Ric. II [1393].

358. NOTIFICATION by Dom. John de Greseley, miles, that as he has not had the power of his seal (potestatem sigilli mei) for a whole year preceding the date of these presents, he hereby contradicts and denies all deeds and

writings sealed with his seal during that time, the present deed being sealed with the seal of the Deanery of Repingdon. Witnesses: Dom. Thomas de Stafford, mil.; John de Ardene; Roger Mongomery, etc. Dat. Drakelowe, S. bef. F. of St. Dunstan [21 Oct.], 18 Ric. II [1394]. With seal.

359. GRANT by John Brewode de Netherscheyle to Robert Brewode his son, of all his lands and tenements in Nether Seal and Donisthorpe. Rent, a grain of pepper at Easter. Witnesses: William Oky; William Legegode; Symon Neel, etc. Dat. Wed. bef. F. of Circumcision [1 Jan.], 18 Ric. II [1395].

360. WARRANT by Richard II to William Thirnyng and Robert Tyrwhyt, justices and their fellows, to take an assise of new disseisin which Richard Wychard de Sheyle has arrayed by King's writ against Alice, que fuit uxor Thome de Stafford and others in respect of a tenement in Church Seal. Dat. Westminster [1 May], anno 21 [1398].

361. LEASE by Thomasina de Gresley, Domina de Colton, to Thomas de Gresley her son, for term of his life, of the manor of Brassingburgh [Braceborough], with appurtenances and the advowson of the moiety of Carleby Church. Rent, twenty-six pounds. Dat. Brassyngburgh, F. of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 22 Ric. II [1398].

362. GRANT by Hugh Hayward and John Topias to Robert Brewode of the moiety of an acre of arable land in Nether Seal, lying on Brookfurlong. Witnesses: William Oky; William Legegode; Thomas Clement. Dat. Th. aft. F. of Corpus Christi [29 May], 22 Ric. II [1399].

363. MEMORANDUM of the charges made against the Abbot and Convent of Burton by Thomas de Gresley, mil. Temp. Ric. II. As follows:—Idem Thomas inclusit unam

placeam prati vocati Newemedowe anno, etc., xx^{mo} regni regis Ricardi secundi in quo abbas habet communiam post feni asportacionem.

Idem Thomas calumniat de tenentibus cotariis Domini Abbatis in Caldewall de quolibet tenente unum opus cum falce per unum diem unde antecessores sui non fuerunt seisiti.

Idem Thomas inclusit unam placeam pasture vocate Thornyhalugh que solebat esse communis omnibus temporibus anni, etc., preter et contra voluntatem predicti Abbatis.

Idem Thomas inclusit unam placeam prati vocati Drakelowemedowe et tenet in seperali illud pratum omnibus temporibus anni ubi solebat esse communis dicti Abbatis post feni asportacionem.

Idem Thomas fecit quoddam were in aqua de Trent unde aqua rivuli de Trent destruit terram Abbatis ubi antecessores sui nullam weream ibi solebant habere.

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Item Johannes Bette serviens ipsius Domini Thome et alii servientes sui venerunt die et anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi xxiii^{o} infra abbathiam de Burton et contra voluntatem dicti Abbatis hostium stabuli fregerunt et unum equum Grey de bonis dicti Abbatis extra ceperunt et eum duxerunt ad voluntatem suam ubi voluerunt ad grave dampnum dicti Abbatis.

Item idem Thomas et servientes sui cum eo Willelmum Fyssher, Willelmum Portere et alios servientes dicti Abbatis apud Brondeston in quadragisima anno, etc., primo vi et armis posuerunt ad fugam et de eis ceperunt unam batellam et unum rete de bonis ipsius Abbatis injuste, etc.

Item Johannes Bette et alii servientes dicti Domini Thome de die in diem apud Burton venerunt et minati sunt monachos servientes et tenentes dicti Abbatis verbis maliciosis. . . .

Item servientes dicti Domini Thome in alta via apud Burton ceperunt contra voluntatem dicti Abbatis unum

equum de carecta quoquinarii et eum duxerunt ubi voluerunt et nunquam eum reduxerunt ad grave dampnum etc.

364. GRANT by Robert Brewode to Edmund de Appelby, William Otewalle, capellanus, and Ralph Lorret, of land in Great Seal, lying on le Morfurlong and on Le Wodfeld apud le Grange Gate juxta Bowerflat. Witnesses: William Legegod; Robert Diosone; Thomas Clement, etc. Dat. Nether Seal, S. bef. F. of Ascension [27 May], 1 Hen. IV [1400].

365. LEASE, for life, by Thomas de Greseley, mil., Dominus de Drakelowe to Thomas Netbreyder, "Botyler de Drakelowe", of a rent of thirteen shillings and fourpence, from a messuage and other lands adjacent in Caldewell, late belonging to Robert Glover, and from two acres of meadow in Walton, lying on Brodeholm. Witnesses: John Abell de Caldewell; Roger de Greseley; Walter Marreys. Dat. Drakelow, M. bef. F. of St. Margaret [20 July], 1 Hen. IV [1400]. With small seal.

366. GRANT by Margery, fil. Johannis le Hurne de Sheile, widow, to Geoffrey Haiwad her son, of a messuage in Nether Seal, with half an acre, and a rood of arable land in the fields of Seal lying on Wodehullus, and abutting on the monk's wood, and in le Wodefeeld, abutting "super foreram Abbatis de Mirevall que dicitur Goldeburwehauedlond". Witnesses: Robert Dieson; William Legegode; Richard Cartewryght, etc. Dat. Nether Seal, F. of Purif. of B. V. Mary [2 Feb.], 3 Hen. IV [1402].

367. GRANT by Robert, fil. Johannis de Brewod, to Edmund, fil. Domini Edmundi de Appelby, mil., Ralph Lorret and William Otewalle, capellanus, of land "in Le Waterfeeld in campo de Netherscheile videlicet Underthehull". Witnesses: Robert Diosone; William Legegode;

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Thomas Clement, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of Nat. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 3 Hen. IV [1402]. With seal broken.

368. GRANT by Robert, fil. Willelmi Fyz, to Robert, fil. Joh. Brewode, of two roods of arable land in the fields of Nether Seal, lying in Le Estfeld apud le Chirchebrigge, and in Le Waterfeld super Fernyfurlong. Witnesses: Robert Diosone; William Legegode; Richard Cartwryghte, etc. Dat. F. of Ass. of the B. V. Mary [15 Aug.], 3 Hen. IV [1402].

369, 370. LEASE by Walter Mareys de Rostlaston to William Mareys, of a messuage with garden, land, and meadow in Rosliston, for term of his life. Witnesses: John Abell, de Caldewall; Richard Scot, de Rostlaston; John at-Walle, de eadem. Dat. Rosliston, F. of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 5 Hen. IV [1403].

371. QUIT-CLAIM by Henry Mareys, de Rostlaston, capellanus, to Walter Mareis, of all the lands and tenements which the former acquired in Rosliston from Ralph de Paris and John de Coton. Same witnesses and date.

372. POWER OF ATTORNEY by John Wychard, de Osberston, to John Sutton, de Sutton, to deliver seisin to Reginald Langham and others, of all his lands and tenements in Nether Seal, which sometime belonged to Simon Shyrford, of Osberston. Dat. Osberston, T. bef. F. of St. Denis [9 Oct.], 6 Hen. IV [1404]. With seal of arms.

373. QUIT-CLAIM, by John Brewode and Simon Nel to Richard Cartwryght, fil. et her. Rob. Cartwryght, of all those lands which they acquired by grant from the said Robert Cartwryght. Witnesses: Edmund de Appulby, fil. Dom. Edmundi de Appelby, militis; John Horn; William Whyte, etc. Dat. Fr. aft. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 6 Hen. IV [1405]. With two seals.

374. FEOFFMENT, by Thomas de Gresleye, mil., to Philip de Repingdon, Bishop of Lincoln, Thomas Langley, Chancellor of England, Thomas Maureward, Knt., John Foliaumbe, and others, of all his lands and tenements, with the advowsons of the churches, in Colton and elsewhere in co. Stafford, in Osgathorpe and elsewhere in co. Leicester, in Braceborough and elsewhere in co. Lincoln, and in Seton and elsewhere in co. York, which formerly belonged to Dom. Thomas Wasteneys his grandfather, and fell to him on the death of Dom. Thomasina de Gresleye his mother. Witnesses: John de Arderne; Robert de Fraunceys, John Bagot, William Neupord, Knts.; and Nicholas de Ruggeley. Dat. Colton, F. of St. Mary Magd. [22 July], 6 Hen. IV [1405]. With seal of arms (broken).

375. GRANT, by Robert, fil. Johannis Brewode, to Richard Cartwryght and Simon Neel, of land, etc., in Nether Seal, together with three acres in the fields of Donisthorpe. Witnesses: William Oky; Robert Dioson; William Legegode, etc. Dat. F. of St. James [25 July], 6 Hen. IV [1405]. With seal.

376. RE-FEOFFMENT, by Philip de Repyngdon, Bishop of Lincoln, Thomas Langley, Chancellor of England, Thomas Maureward, Knt., Robert de Waterton, Peter de Melburne, Nicholas de Bradschawe, Robert de Twyford, John Foliaumbe, Richard de Burton and Richard Hilton, to Thomas de Gresley, Knt., of all the lands and tenements in Colton, co. Stafford, and elsewhere which the said Thomas had conveyed to them as his feoffees, with special instructions in case the said Thomas die before he re-feoff the said lands to the above-named trustees, or in case his son shall not be of full age, at the said Thomas's death, or in case the latter's wife Margaret, being a widow, shall marry again. [1405-1419.] French. With seal of arms of T. de Greseley.

377, 378. DEFEASANCES of two mutual bonds between the Abbot of Burton-on-Trent and Sir Thomas de Gresley, Knt., for the payment of 1,000 marks by recognizances made before John Cokayn, Chief Baron of the Exchequer. Dat. 10 March, 7 Hen. IV [1406]. French. With two seals of Burton Abbey, broken and defaced.

379. LEASE, for ten years, by John Cokyn, mil., and Thurstan Wolsley de Pollesworthe, to Hugh Haythey de Overscheyle and Elena his wife, of his capital messuage in Over Seal, in which Roger Lorret, fil. Rad. Lorret, lately dwelt. Rent, 22*sh.* 4*d.* Witnesses: Henry Holond, de Overscheyle; William Wydurley de Chyldcote; William Dyeson, etc. Dat. Th. aft. F. of Tr. of St. Thomas [7 July], 7 Hen. IV [1406].

380. LEASE, by Richard Cartewryght and Simon Neell to Matilda, relicta Roberti Bruwode, for term of her life, of all those lands and tenements which they acquired by feoffment from the said Robert, with the proviso that if the said Matilda shall marry again, or if William, son and heir of the said Robert, when he comes of full age, shall marry and shall be unable to live with his said mother, that then he shall have the plot of ground on which Matilda Aleyne sometime dwelt, and the moiety of all his late father's land, in the fields of Nether Seal, and on his mother's death the whole of the lands: with remainder if the said William die without direct heir, to Thomas and John his brothers, Joan and Amice his sisters. Witnesses: Edmund de Appulby; Ralph Loret; William Oky, etc. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 7 Hen. IV [1406]. With one seal.

381. GRANT, by Simon Nel to Richard Cartwryght and William Stotfold de Dorandesthorp, of all his lands, etc., in Nether Seal. Witnesses: Robert Diosone; William

Legegode; William Fyz, etc. Dat. T. aft. F. of Corpus Christi [26 May], 8 Hen. IV [1407].

382. LEASE, for lives, by Thomas Gresley, chevalier, Roger Horton, Dominus de Catton, William Bulkope, persona de Clyfton, Thomas Aylemonde, persona de Stretton, Richard Jolypas, and others, to Roger and Richard, sons of Ralph Lorret, of his capital messuage in Seal in which the late Ralph Lorret sometime dwelt. Rent, six shillings. Witnesses: William Legegode; Robert Dyeson; John Broughton. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 9 Hen. IV [1408]. With one seal.

383, 384. QUIT-CLAIMS, by Reginald de Langham, armiger, and John de Rygeley and John Bray, capellani, to Edmund Bugge, William de Brokesby, and Henry Wychard, of all the lands and tenements which they had by feoffment of John Wychard de Osbreston, in Seal. Dat. Fr. and Sat. aft. F. of Pur. B. V. Mary [2 Feb.], 10 Hen. IV [1409]. With seals.

385, 386. GRANT by John Wychard de Osberston to the same three of all the lands and tenements which he holds in Seal; with power of attorney to Thomas Coleman to deliver seisin of the same. Dat. Fr. aft. F. of St. Agatha [5 Feb.], 10 Hen. IV [1409]. With seals.

387. GRANT by Thomas de Langley, Bishop of Durham, Philip de Repyngton, Bishop of Lincoln, Thomas Maureward, chevalier, Robert Waterton, Piers de Melburne, Nicholas Bradschawe, Robert Twiford, Richard de Burton and Richard de Hilton, to John Gresley, son and heir of Thomas de Gresley, chevalier, and Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Clarell, of an annual rent of twenty marks arising from Colton Manor, for their lives. Dat. Colton, 11 Hen. IV [1409-10]. French.

388. GRANT by Richard de Hampton, *al.* vocatus Richard Wymere de Drakelowe, consanguineus et heres Margerie, fil. Willelmi Wymere de Blythebury ac sororis et heredis Johannis Wymere, fil. et her. predicti Willelmi, to Thomas Gresley, mil., of all his lands, tenements, etc., in Colton, Bagot Bromley, Bromley Abbots, Rydeware Mauveisin, and elsewhere in co. Stafford, which fell to him on the death of the said Margery. Witnesses: Thomas de Aston, mil.; Thomas Astley; Richard de Wolsley; John Ryssbebury, persona ecclesie de Colton; Henry del Botery de Bromley Abbatis, etc. Dat. Colton, M. bef. F. of St. George [23 Apr.], 11 Hen. IV [1410]. With seal.

389. QUIT-CLAIM by Thomas Aylemond, persona ecclesie de Stretton, Richard Widoweson and Roger Taliour, capellani de eadem, to Thomas de Gresley, mil., Roger de Horton, Dominus de Catton, and William Bulcote, persona ecclesie de Clyfton Caumpvyle, and Richard Jolypas, capellanus, of all those lands, tenements, etc., in Nether Seal which they lately acquired jointly with the said Thomas Gresley, Roger, William and Richard. Witnesses: Thomas de Blacfordeby; Robert Adynet de Assheby la Souche, etc. Dat. Th. bef. Conv. of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 12 Hen. IV [1411].

390. POWER OF ATTORNEY by Roger Chilcote de Stratford super Auene to Roger Lorete to deliver seisin to John Cokayn, mil., Thomas Mawreward, mil., and Thomas Wytherley, armiger, of all the lands in Nether Seal which the said Roger Chilcote acquired by feoffment from Ralph Loret his uncle. Dat. Stratford-on-Avon, W. aft. F. of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 12 Hen. IV [1411].

391. GRANT by Richard Wydowesone de Stretton, capellanus, and Roger Loret, executors of the will of Ralph Loret, to John Cokayne, mil., John Fyndryn and Henry

Bothe, of all the lands in Seal which they acquired by the feoffment and will of Ralph Loret jointly with Thomas, persona de Stretton, and Roger Tayloure, capellanus. Witnesses: Thomas Wytherleye; William Marchal; Robert Wylleson, etc. Dat. Th. aft. F. of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 12 Hen. IV [1411]. With seal, broken.

392. GRANT by Roger Loret to John Cokayn, mil., John his son, and Thurstan Worseley, of all his lands and tenements in the fee of Seal, with all his goods and chattels. Witnesses: Richard Wernon, armiger; Thomas Gryffyn, armiger; John Gylet, etc. Dat. Seal, F. of St. Juliana [16 Feb.], 12 Hen. IV [1411]. With seal.

393. QUIT-CLAIM by Roger Chylcote de Stratford super Auene to John Cokayn, mil., Thomas Mawreward, mil., and Thomas Wytherley, armiger, de Chilcote, of all those lands, tenements, etc., which belonged to Ralph Loret, his uncle, in Nether Seal. Witnesses: Thomas Stafford de Clyfton Camvile; William Clement de Chilcote; John Gylote, etc. Dat. W. aft. F. of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 12 Hen. IV [1411].

394. QUIT-CLAIM by Roger, fil. Roberti de Donasthorpe, to John Cokayn, mil., of all the lands and tenements in Nether Seal. Witnesses: Thomas de Wythirley; William Marshall de Stretton; John Gylot, etc. Dat. Morr. of Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 12 Hen. IV [1411].

395. GRANT by Walter Marreys de Rostlaston to John Marreys his son, of all his possessions in Rosliston and Linton, and elsewhere in co. Derby. Witnesses: Thomas Gresley, mil.; John Abell de Caldewelle; William Warde de Coton, etc. Dat. Sat. aft. F. of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 14 Hen. IV [1413].

396. QUIT-CLAIM by Lesota, widow of Richard Wyley, filia et heres Johannis, fil. Nicholai de Octhorp, to Thomas Gresley, mil., John Gresley, mil., Thomas Astley, and William Arderne de Meysham, of all the lands she inherited from her father in Octhorpe [Oakthorpe], in cos. Derby and Leicester, or elsewhere in the same counties. Witnesses :—Inggwerdeby, Dominus de Willesley ; John Abell ; John Basely de Meysham, etc. Dat. Oakthorpe, Fr. aft. Conc. of B. V. Mary [8 Dec.], 1 Hen. V [1413].

397. LEASE by Henry Wychard de Chaddesdon to Christiana uxor Johannis de Lathebure nuper ux. Johannis Wychard of two parts of those lands, etc., in Seal, which he had by feoffment from the said John. Witnesses: Robert Butteler de Derleston ; John Shepey de Osberston ; Richard Butteler de eadem. Dat. F. of St. Barnabas [11 June], 2 Hen. V [1414].

398. GRANT by John Colwych to John Parker and Thomas Sapurton, of all the lands which he holds in the fee of Morton, which were sometime John Weston's. Witnesses: Ralph Wolseley ; Ralph Bysscheton ; William Bentley, etc. Dat. Th. aft. Nat. of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 4 Hen. V [1416].

399. GENERAL RELEASE by John, fil. Johannis Sheperd, *al.* dicti Johannis atte Walle de Rostlaston, to John Mareys, fil. Walteri Mareys de Rostlaston. Dat. Th. aft. F. of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 4 Hen. V [1416]. With seal.

400A. GRANT by John Parker, de Charteley and Thomas Sapurton de Leghes, to Thomas Gresley, mil., Dominus de Morton, of all the lands, etc., which they lately acquired by grant from John Colwych in the fee of Morton. Witnesses: Ralph Wolseley ; Thomas Ardenton ; Thomas Grym, etc. Dat. Morton, M. aft. F. of St. Hilary [13 Jan.], 5 Hen. V [1418].

400B. POWER OF ATTORNEY to John Russhebury, rector ecclesie de Colton, to deliver seisin of the same. Same witnesses. Dat. Tu. aft. F. of St. Hilary [13 Jan.], 5 Hen. V [1418]. With seals.

401. QUIT-CLAIM by John Colwych de Colwych to Thomas Gresley, mil. Dominus de Morton, of the same lands. Same witnesses. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 5 Hen. V [1418]. With seal of arms.

402A. LETTER from the Canons of St. George's Church, Gresley, to Dom. Thomas de Greseley, mil., "patronus et noster legitimus et advocatus", nominating two of their body, W. de Sancto Ivone and J. de Bredon, for the office of "prior et pastor", vacant on the death of John de Tuttebury, and asking for his licence to make the election. Dat. "In our chapter-house" at Gresley, 6 Sept. 1420.

402B. LETTER from T. de Gresley to the Canons granting the requisite licence. Dat. Drakelow, 7 Sept. 1420.

402C. LETTER to the same from the Canons reporting that they have elected Dom. William de Sancto Ivone to be "prior et pastor". Dat. 13 Sept. 1420.

403. QUIT-CLAIM by Henry Marreys, capellanus, to John Marreys de Rostlaston, of all his lands, etc., in Rostliston, which were sometime Robert Isabell's, and were conveyed by him to the said Henry Marreys, and feoffees now deceased. Witnesses: Thomas de Gresley, mil.; John Dethik, armiger; John Abell, etc. Dat. Rosliston, Th. in Easter week [27 Mar.], 9 Henry V [1421]. With seal.

404. QUIT-CLAIM by John de Colton, *al.* dictus John del Hull, manens in Drakelowe, to Thomas Gresley, mil. de Drakelowe, of all the lands which descended to him

on the death of his father Robert del Hulle, in Colton. Witnesses: John Gresley, mil.; John Clerkson de Colton; Ralph Wolsley, etc. Dat. Fr. aft. F. of St. Gregory [12 Mar.], 9 Hen. V [1422]. With seal.

405. POWER OF ATTORNEY by Henry Wychard to John Jakes and John Taliour, to deliver seisin to John Lawe, clericus, and Henry Halle, of all those lands which he acquired by feoffment from John Wychard, de Osberston, in Seal. Dat. Morr. of F. of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 7 Hen. VI [1428].

406. QUIT-CLAIM by Alice, nuper relicta Henrici Wychard de Chaddesden to John Lawe, clericus, and Henry Halle de Overton, of those lands which Henry Wychard her husband, Edmund Bugge and William Brokesby had by feoffment from John Wychard de Osberston in Seal. Dat. Seal, 6 Dec., 7 Hen. VI [1428]. With seal.

407, 408. GRANT by John Abell de Stapenhill to Thomas Gresley, mil. Dominus de Drakelowe, of five acres of meadow in the meadow called Le Borough-holme, within the lordship of Walton on Trent, which five acres formerly belonged to William dict. Le Child de Caldewell, with power of attorney to Richard Penyston de Chattesworth to deliver seisin. Witnesses: John Dethek, Dominus de Neuhall; Henry Holand de Caldewall; Robert Thirmot, de Lynton. Dat. Walton, M. aft. F. of Nat. of B. V. Mary [8 Sept.], 9 Hen. VI [1430]. With seal.

409. BOND, in £20, from William Wykynton de Mounsterell and Agnes his wife, to Richard Vernon, mil., and John Broun de Shayll, for the peaceable possession by the said Richard and John of all those lands in Donisthorpe, which lately belonged to Thomas Caleys. Dat. 9 Feb., 11 Hen. VI [1433].

410. QUIT-CLAIM by William Schiret de Yoxhale, frater et her. Johannis Schiret, to Thomas Gresley, mil., John Gresley, mil., Geoffrey Gresley, arm., and William Arderne, of five acres of meadow in Yoxhall. Witnesses: Robert Stokley, de Yoxhale; Thomas Southerne; Robert Rous, etc. Dat. Yoxhall, M. aft. F. of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 11 Hen. VI [1433].

411. GRANT by Symon Neel de Sheyle to Richard Whithull and Thomas Condyt, of two acres and a rood of land in Nether Seal, which he acquired from Agnes Meysham. Witnesses: John Gylot; Richard Cartwright; William Dyson. Dat. F. of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 15 Hen. VI [1437].

412. GRANT by John Broun de Sheyle to Richard Whithull and Thomas Condyt, of all his lands, etc., in Nether Seal, co. Leic., Donisthorpe and Lullyngton, co. Derby. Witnesses: John Gylot; William Dyson; Laurence Spenser; Simon Neel. Dat. S. aft. F. of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 15 Hen. VI [1437]. With seal.

413, 414. GRANT and COUNTERPART by Richard Whithull and Thomas Condyt to John Broun and Alice Delves, of all their lands and tenements, etc., in Nether Seal. Witnesses: John Gyllot; Richard Cartwryght; Laurence Spenser, etc. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 15 Hen. VI [1437]. With seals.

415. NOTE OF ACQUITTANCE to Richard Cartewright, in respect of his accompt as Bailiff and Collector of Rents of William Vernon, his lord, of Nether Seal, by Richard Spencer and Sampson Broune, Auditors; for the year Michaelmas 16 Hen. VI, to Michaelmas 17 Hen. VI [1437-8].

416. PETITION from John Bredon, subprior of the Priory of St. George at Gresley, dioc. Coventry and Lichfield, to Dom. Thomas Gresley, mil., "patronus et fundator" of the Priory, that he will ratify their choice of Richard Coventrensis, "concanonicus et confrater noster", for the office of Prior, vacant on the death of William St. Yvo, late Prior. Dat. "at our Chapter-house", 21 Jan. 1438 [9]. With fragment of the Priory seal.

417. LEASE, for lives, by Geoffrey Gresley, arm., with the consent of his co-feoffees, to William de Howeton, "Kever et Peyntour", of Burton-on-Trent, and Alice his wife, of all the lands, etc., in Wynshull, co. Derby, which sometime belonged to John Broun, fil. Willelmi Broun de Pontefracto. Rent, a red rose at midsummer. Witnesses: John Abell; Henry de Caldewell; Reginald Roundell de Stapenhill. Dat. Tu. aft. Decoll. of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 17 Hen. VI [1439]. With two seals.

418. GRANT by John Marreys to his brother Nicholas Marreys, of the reversion of a messuage and virgate of land lately held by John Dawson which will fall to him on the death of his mother Alice, widow of John Marreys, senior. Witnesses: Henry Holond; William Ward de Coton; John Thurmond. Dat. Rosliston, W. aft. F. of Epiphany [6 Jan.], 18 Hen. VI [1440].

419, 420. GRANT and QUIT-CLAIM by John Marreys to Thomas Smyth de Thorp and Joan his wife, of a cottage and croft, etc., in Rosliston. Dat. 27 Feb., 1 Mar., 20 Hen. VI [1442].

421. GRANT by John Marreys, fil. et her. Johannis Marreys, to Nicholas his brother, "nunc manens in Sneynton iuxta Notyngham", of a messuage and virgate of land adjacent in Rosliston. Witnesses: Richard Calange-

wode; Thomas Wylkynson; Ralph Blacgreve, etc. Dat. M. aft. F. of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], 22 Hen. VI [1444].

422. GRANT by Richard Cartwrith, of Nether Seal, to Richard Vernon, mil., Thomas Stanley, arm., and Thomas White, cler., of all his lands, tenements, goods, and chattels wherever they may be found. Witnesses: William Wytherley, de Sheley Graunge; Edmund Appulby de Ouersheley; John Aloney de Willesley, etc. Dat. Michaelmas Day, 22 Hen. VI [1443]. With seal.

423. GRANT by John Machon de Hynkley to John Hyne, junior, de Assheby la Souch, of six roods of arable land and two of meadow, in the vill and territory of Doransthorp [Donisthorpe]. Rent, a grain of pepper at Michaelmas. Witnesses: Thomas Leceson de Assheby predicta; John Stone; John Boydell, etc. Dat. Donisthorpe, 28 Dec., 22 Hen. VI [1443]. With seal.

424. GRANT by John Marreys, fil. et her. Johannis Marreys, to William de Shepey de Caldewall, of two acres of arable land lying on Domfurlong and abutting on Le Ryggewey. Witnesses: John Broun, de Rostelaston; William Warde de Coton; Richard Botyler de Ednynghale, etc. Dat. Rosliston, M. aft. F. of St. Margaret [20 July], 22 Hen. VI [1444].

425. COVENANT for a lease by Humphrey Blount and James de Hopewod, feoffees of Margaret, widow of John Gresley, Knt., to John Gresley, esquire, her son, of the manors of Colton and Kyngeston, co. Staff., for a term of thirty years, "yeldyng therfore yerely to the seide feffeez xl. *li.* in the mynster of Seynt Mary of Couentre"; the said feoffees to give acquittance for each half-yearly payment of rent in the form specified in the present deed. Dat. 1 March, 27 Hen. VI [1449].

426. QUIT-CLAIM by John Marreys, fil. et her. Johannis Marreys, to William de Shepey, nunc manens in Caldewall, of that messuage and virgate in Rosliston which the said William lately acquired by grant from Nicholas Marreys his brother, "manens in Sneynton iuxta Notyngham". Witnesses: John Broun; Robert Thirmond, de Lynton; William Warde, de Coton. Dat. S. aft. Epiphany [6 Jan], 23 Hen. VI [1445].

427, 428. GRANT and QUIT-CLAIM by John Marreys, fil. et her. Joh. Marreys, and Margery his wife, to Roger Gyldyrson of all his lands, etc., in Rosliston. Witnesses: John Broune; Ralph Blacgreve, de Lynton; Richard Calengewod, de Caldewall. Dat. 9, 10 Dec., 27 Hen. VI [1448]. With seals.

429. QUIT-CLAIM by Alice Hyll, nuper uxor Johannis Marreys, senior, to John Marreys her son, of all the lands, etc., which she had from her said husband. Witnesses: John Broune; Ralph Blacgreve; Richard Chalengewod. Dat. 4 Dec., 27 Hen. VI [1448]. With seal.

430. QUIT-CLAIM by William Babyngton, mil., to Roger Gyldreson, senior, of all those lands, etc., in Rosliston which lately belonged to Walter Marys or John Marys his son. Witnesses · John Gresley; John Abney; John Cursun. Dat. Nottingham, F. of St. Agnes [21 Jan.], 27 Hen. VI [1449]. With seal of arms, broken.

431. GRANT by Richard Nyk de Catton and Joan his wife to William Vernon, arm., of all the lands and tenements within the lordship of Seal, which were formerly Robert Wylson's. Witnesses: Richard Hasord, rector ecclesie de Stretton in le Feld; Richard Spencer de Lichefeld; John Teddesley de Chesterfeld. Dat. Fr. aft. F. of St. Dionysius [9 Oct.], 28 Hen. VI [1449]. With two seals, one, of arms.

432. QUIT-CLAIM by William Wade de Coton and Alice his wife, John their son, and Agnes le Granger, que fuit uxor Ricardi Graunger, to Roger Gyldurson, of lands, tenements, etc., in Rosliston. Witnesses: John Dyson; Stephen Warde; Ralph Blakegreue, etc. Dat. F. of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 29 Hen. VI [1450].

433, 434. GRANT and QUIT-CLAIM by Roger Gylderson de Brynsley in com. Nottingham, Katharine his wife, and John his son, to John Paunton de Burton super Trent, of all his lands, etc., in Rosliston, Caldewall and Lynton, in co. Derby. Witnesses: Nicholas Chamber; Ralph Blakgreue; Richard Dawson, etc. Dat. 16 Apr., 30 Hen. VI [1452]. With seals.

435. GRANT by Thomas Smyth de Thorp and Joan his wife, to William Smyth their son and Joan his wife, of a cottage and croft in Rosliston, the croft being that sometime belonging to John Marreys. Witnesses: Nicholas Chaumber de Caldewall; John Andrewe; and William Andrewe. Dat. 31 March, 36 Hen. VI [1458].

436. GRANT by John Gresley, mil., dominus de Colton, to Richard Wygan de Colton, of a plot of land in Colton, sometime in the tenure of John Parker. "Reddendo inde annuatim . . . . tres catapultas[1] ad festum Pasche." Witnesses: John Belton de Colton; William Wheston de eadem; William Boteler de eadem. Dat. Colton, 4 May, 36 Hen. VI [1458]. With seal of arms, broken.

437. AWARD by Humphrey, Duke of Buckingham, in settlement of "divers contraversies, strifes and debates . . . . long tyme hangyng betwixe Sir William Vernon, knight, Roger Vernon his brother, their men seruauntz and

[1] Catapulta = a broad arrow. Cf. *The Record Interpreter*, C. T. Martin, 1892; cf. also below, No. 459.

tenauntz on the oon partie and Sir John Gresley, knyght, Nicholas his brother ther men seruauntz and tenauntz on the other partie". Dat. 12 Sept., 34 Hen. VI [1455]. Signed " H. Buckingham".

Among the articles decided by the arbitrator are the following :—

First we awarde that the seid Sir William and Sir John shalbe full frendes and of frendely delyng and pardone and leye aparte either to other alle maner aggrugginges and rancoure of herte. And neither of them shall vexe, trouble, or make querelle to any cousyn, frende, servaunt, tenauntz or welwiller to other for materes or querelles passed of the same Sir William and Sir John. And yf any cause of gruggyng happen to falle betwene them in tyme to come that he of them that shal finde hym greved shal notefie us of the cause of his gruggyng if we ben in cuntrey, or elles oure sonne Stafford in oure absence withoute any thyng procedyng by weie of feite (*sic*), and we or our seide sonne in oure absence to sette redresse theryn.

Item, forasmoche as it was afore this tyme awarded that the said Sir William shulde paie to Annes, that was the wife of John Herte, whiche was slayne at Burton by the servauntz of the seid Sir William, xx^{ti} marcs to be disposed for the soule of the said John, and for the relief of the seide Annes and her children, of whiche remaineth yet unpaied xvii marcs we awarde that the seid Sir William paie to the seid Annes the seid xvii marcs, to be paied at the festes of Cristmasse and Lammasse next comyng bi even porcions.

Item, we awarde that the seid Sir John shall paie to the use of Thomas Webbe of Shele, tenaunt to the seide Sir William, wich was maymed and hurte by the servauntz of the seid Sir John, for a soore wounde in the heede xiii*s.* iiij*d.*, and for a nother soore wounde in the face xiii*s.* iiij*d.*, and for every of vj other woundes vj*s.* viii*d.*, and for a mayme on the thombe in the left hand c*s.*, summa, xii marc. vj*s.* viii*d.*

438. QUIT-CLAIM by Laurence Sekynton and Beatrice his sister to William Sekynton their brother, of a messuage in Thorp Costantyne, which they lately acquired by feoffment of the said William Sekynton. Witnesses: William Smyth; Thomas Nicoll; Roger Wyneswold, etc. Dat. Sekynton, F. of St. Chad [2 Mar.], 4 Edw. IV [1465].

439. GRANT by John Pawnton de Burton super Trent, peyntour, to Mag. Thomas Pawnton, capellanus, his son, and others, of all his possessions in Rosliston. Witnesses: Nicholas Chawmber; Richard Calengewood; Richard Irpe, and others. Dat. F. of St. George [23 Apr.], 5 Edw. IV [1465].

440. BOND by John Gresley, mil., in 200 marks, to abide by the award of George, Duke of Clarence, Lord of Richmond, in certain disputes between the said John and the Abbot and Convent of Burton, the latter claiming certain rents and lands in Burton, co. Staff., Drakelow, Caldewall and Lynton, co. Derby, a fishery in the Trent from a certain boundary called Redebanke, within the lordship of Walton, up to a water-mill of the said Abbot called Overmill, and the said John claiming title to other rents and lands of the Abbey in Burton, Tetenall and elsewhere in co. Staff. Dat. 24 Feb., 6 Edw. IV [1467].

441. GRANT by John Broune de Rostlaston to John Greysley, mil., and John Dawson, of all his lands and hereditaments in Rosliston, Coton, and Repingdon. Witnesses: Thomas Greysley, arm.; Thomas Curson, arm.; William Bromwich. Dat. F. of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 11 Edw. IV [1471].

442. "BILL ENDENTED" of Robert Leegegood, baille of Shehill [Bailiff of Seal], to Dame Margery Vernon, of the sum of 13*sh.* 4*d.* "of the profites of his office". Dat. Burton [12 June], 12 Edw. IV [1472].

443, 444. LEASE by Mag. John Naseby, Thomas Adams, Joan Worseley, nup. uxor Johannis Worseley and William Swetenham to Thomas Bradchawe of all the lands, etc., which they lately acquired by feoffment of John Worsley in Nether Seal; with power of attorney to John Ogoolden to deliver seisin. Witnesses: John Ogoolden; Thomas Swetenham; Robert Legegood. Dat. 28 Sept., 14 Edw. IV [1474].

445-447. GRANT and QUIT-CLAIM by Thomas Bradschawe de Tyddeswall to Henry Vernon, arm., of all his lands and tenements within the lordship of Sheyle and Sheyle Hyde, with power of attorney to Christopher Bagshawe and Robert Leggegood, to deliver seisin. Witnesses: William Moton, arm.; Thomas Wederley, gent.; John Wederley, gent.; Humphrey Stanley, arm.; Ralph Sancheverell, arm.; Thomas White, rector ecclesie de Sheyle, etc. Dat. Th. bef. Ann. of B. V. Mary [25 Mar.], 21 Edw. IV [1481].

448. POWER OF ATTORNEY by Henry Vernon, arm., to William Vernon his brother, to receive seisin of the above lands. Same date.

449. LEASE, in perpetuity, by William Gresley, rector ecclesie de Stoke, and Richard Gresley, to John Gresley, mil., and Anne his wife of the manor of Colton, co. Staff., lately acquired by feoffment from the said John and Anne. Witnesses: Richard Bagott de Blyffeld, arm.; John Bagott his son; Richard Wygan de Colton. Dat. Tu. aft. F. of Ascension [31 May], 21 Edw. IV [1481].

450. GRANT by John Harecourt, arm., and Margaret his wife, to Henry Vernon, arm., of two messuages and two virgates of land and all his other lands, etc., in Nether Seal, with attorney to William Wyght de Pollesworth to deliver seisin. Witnesses: Thomas White, rector ecclesie

de Sheile; William Vernon, arm., and Robert Leggegode. Dat. F. of St. Gregory [12 Mar.], 2 Ric. III [1485].

451. POWER OF ATTORNEY by Henry Vernon, arm., to Thomas Broun, rector ecclesie de Appulby, and Robert Leggegoode de Sheyle, to receive seisin of the same. Same date.

452. GRANT by Thomas White, rector ecclesie parochialis, de Nether Sheyle, to Thomas Wytherley, fil. Johannis Wytherley, of a messuage in Nether Seal, with power of attorney for livery of seisin. Witnesses: William Shilton de Ouersheyle; William Pachet; William Gillot de Nethersheyle, etc. Dat. 26 Nov., 2 Ric. III [1484].

453. QUIT-CLAIM by John Dison de Walton super Trent to Thomas Paunton, clericus ac sacre theologie professor, fil. et her. Johannis Paunton nuper de Burton super Trent, to Richard Broun de Roslaston and Elizabeth his wife, of all the lands and tenements in Rosliston, Caldwall and Lynton, co. Derby, which the said John and Thomas, jointly with other feoffees, lately held from John Paunton. Dat. 7 May, 1 Henry VII [1486].

454. GRANT by Mag. Thomas Paunton, clericus ac sacre theologie professor, to Richard Broun de Rosliston and Elizabeth his wife, of all the lands and tenements in Rosliston, Caldwall and Lynton mentioned in the preceding deed. Witnesses: John Dyson; Richard Irpe; John Irpe, etc. Dat. 18 May, 1 Hen. VII [1486].

455. GRANT by Lodowicus Bagot, arm., to Thomas Gresley, mil., of four acres of arable land lying within the fee of Colton in an enclosure called Hasilhurste "modo inclusa infra novum parcum"; with a quit-claim of all the other lands and pastures now enclosed within the new park and in Le Barromore le Moreheys similarly enclosed:

the said grant being in exchange for five acres of land in three enclosures in Admaston called Le Ley. Witnesses: Richard Norman; Richard Gresley; John Blount, gent., etc. Dat. 15 Feb., 7 Hen. VII [1492]. With seal.

456, 457. GRANT and QUITCLAIM by John Gurmundull *al.* dict. John Tumson to Henry Vernon, mil., of lands, etc., in the fields of Nether Seal: with attorney to Thomas Chesshire, rector de Appulby, and John Marchenton, to deliver seisin. Dat. 26 Aug., 17 Hen. VII [1501].

458. POWER OF ATTORNEY by Henry Vernon, mil., to George Vernon and Roger Janyns to take seisin of the same. Same date.

459. COVENANT in settlement of suits between Sir Henry Vernon, Knt., and Edmond Appulby of Appulby, gent., concerning certain lands, rents and other duties in Donisthorpe.

The first clause runs as follows:—

"First the said Edmond Appulby is agreed that he and his heires shall pay yerely unto the said Sir Henry Vernon, Knyght, and his heires, xii brode arowes heded, with brode heddes, or xii*d.* of lawfull money, as the ancestres of the seid Edmond hath paid unto the ancestres of the seid Sir Henry." Dat. 24 Feb., 19 Hen. VII [1504].

460. GRANT by Elena, relicta Johannis Broune, nuper de Rostlaston defuncti, to William Dawson, fil. Johannis Dawson de Rostlaston of a messuage, etc., in Rosliston, a wood and land in Coton, with other lands in Rosliston, Coton, and Repingdon which she acquired by grant from her late husband: with attorney to Thomas Cowper and Geoffrey Cowper to deliver seisin. Witnesses: Henry Vernon, mil.; William Gresley, arm.; Thomas Dethek, arm., etc. Dat. 20 July, 19 Hen. VII [1504].

461. QUIT-CLAIM by the same to Richard Broune of all her possessions in Rosliston, Coton and Repingdon. Dat. 15 Apr. 29 Hen. VII [1505].

462. GRANT by Richard Verney de Compton Verney, arm., fil. et her. Edmundi Verney, arm., to William Bedeham de Northampton, smyth, and Agnes his wife of a tenement with pigeon house, etc., in North Street, Northampton, and an enclosure which fell to him on the death of the said Edmund his father, with power to deliver seisin. At the special request of the said Richard, the seal of the Mayor of Northampton is appended. Witnesses: Henry Humfrey, Mayor of Northampton; Thomas Peny and Richard Wheler, Bailiffs. Dat. Northampton [7 Oct.], 23 Hen. VII [1507]. With seals.

On the back is a memorandum stating that this charter was enrolled "in rotulis memorandorum curie ville Northamptonie imperpetuum duraturis", in the presence of Thomas Wellys, Mayor, William Bowas and Richard Deyneithe, Bailiffs, and John Wattis, John Smythe, John Saye, and John Parvyne, "Domini Regis Coronatores", and was proclaimed at the hustings according to the custom of the town "ad tres dies hustengal[es ?]", on Monday "post festum clause Pasce", 2 Hen. VIII [1510].

463. GRANT by William Greysley de Drakelowe, arm., to William, Abbot of Burton-on-Trent, Robert, Prior of Gresley, Robert Greysley, his brother, and others, of all the lands and tenements in Snareston, co. Leic., which he lately acquired by grant from John Corbett de Lee in Com. Salop, arm.: to hold to the use of Alice Tawke for her life, and on her death, to the use of Anthony Gresley, son of the same Alice, and to the heirs of his body, and on failure of such issue to the use of Thomas Gresley, Humphrey Gresley, Edward Gresley, and the heirs of their bodies begotten, and on failure of such issue to the above-named William Gresley, his heirs and assigns: with power of attorney to

Dom. John Orme, clericus, and Thomas Orme to deliver seisin. Dat. Snareston 10 Feb., 1 Hen. VIII [1510]. Signed, "per me Wyllyam Greysseley squyer". With small seal.

464. BOND, in £20, by William Broune de Uttoxator in co. Staff., yeoman, to Richard Wakelen, yeoman, to ensure to the latter, and to Margery his wife, peaceable possession of two messuages in Rosliston. Dat. 6 Mar., 2 Hen. VIII [1511].

465, 466. GRANT and QUIT-CLAIM by William Smyth, de Lullington, fil. et her. Radulphi Smyth, nuper de Huxton defuncti, to William Greysley, arm., of all his lands and tenements in Huxton [Hixon] and Morton, co. Staff., which fell to him on the death of the said Ralph his father: with power of attorney to deliver seisin. Witnesses: George Colwhich, arm.; John Ellismere; Thomas Cokett, etc. Dat. 5, 10 May, 3 Hen. VIII [1511].

467. GRANT by William Bedome de villa Northampton, smyth, and Agnes his wife, to Richard Hayworth de Northampton, taillour, and Agnes his wife, of a tenement, etc., in North Street, Northampton, which the said William acquired by grant from Richard Verney de Compton, in com. Warw., arm.: with power of attorney to give seisin. "Et quia sigilla nostra quampluribus sunt incognita, ideo sigillum officii maioratus ville Northampton predicte apponi procuravimus." Witnesses: John Hilton, tunc maior ville Northampton, William Grene and Richard Dixson, tunc ibidem ballivi. Dat. 14 Mar., 3 Hen. VIII [1512]. With seal of the Mayoralty and two small seals.

468. QUIT-CLAIM by John Wydderley de Chilcote, in com. Derb., fil. et her. Thome Wydderley, fil. Johannis Wydderley, to Richard Vernon, arm., fil. et her. Henrici Vernon, mil., nuper defuncti, of two messuages in Nether

Seal, with all those lands, tenements, etc., in Nether Seal, which were sometime called Gurmondlelande *al.* dict. Thomsonlande et postea Wydderleylande. Dat. 3 Mar. 7 Hen. VIII [1516].

469. ACQUITTANCE by William Browne, of Uttoxeter, yeoman, to Richard Wakelyn, of Rosliston, yeoman, for six pounds rent for two messuages in Rosliston which the latter holds on lease for his life, and for a parcel of land in Coton, now tenanted by Joan Swanne, widow, which the said Richard holds on lease for a term of ten years, with covenant by the said William, in case of the said Richard's death within the said term, to allow his heirs and assigns to possess the land till the expiry of the term. Dat. 6 Nov., 9 Hen. VIII [1517]. With seal.

470. ACQUITTANCE by the same to the same for a rent of four pounds for a house in Rosliston late in the holding of Walter Nowell, but which the said Richard now holds on lease for a term of ten years. Dat. 12 Sept., 11 Hen. VIII [1520].

471, 472. GRANT and QUIT-CLAIM by William Browne, fil. Radulphi Browne, ac frater et her. Ricardi Browne de Uttoxator, to William Wakelen de Rostlaston, of all those messuages in Rosliston which the said Ralph sometime acquired from Thomas Paunton, clericus, fil. et her. Johannis Paunton. Witnesses: Richard Bratte; Richard Penyfader; William Rogers; and John Bratte. Dat. 20 May, 13 Hen. VIII [1521].

473. BOND, in £30, between the same parties for ensuring peaceable possession of the property. Same date.

474. ACQUITTANCE by the said grantor for the sum of five pounds ten shillings "in plenam solucionem viginti librarum pro predicto mesuagio". Same date.

475. AWARD by Thomas [Wolsey] Cardinal Archbishop of York, in a suit brought by Sir John Savage, Knt., and Alice his wife, "late the wife" of Sir William Greysley, Knt., and executrix of his last will, Anthony Greysley, Thomas Greysley, Humfrey Greysley and Edward Greysley, on the one part, against Sir George Greisley and John Saunders, on the other part, to substantiate their right and title to the manors of Drakelowe, co. Derby; Osgathorpe, co. Leic.; Tutbury Woodhouse, Colton, Moreton, Kingston, co. Staff.; Lullington, Castle Gresley, and Lynton, co. Derby; Norton, co. Staff.; Braceborough, Carleby, Thirlby, Baston, co. Linc.; and Seton in Spaldingmoor, co. York; whereby it is decreed that the said Sir George is to have possession of the said manors as the rightful heir of his brother Sir William Greysley, who died "without issue of his body begotten", subject to certain rent charges to be paid to the said Alice, wife of Sir John Savage, and to the said Anthony, Thomas, Humphrey, and Edward. Dat. Trinity Term, 16 Hen. VIII [1525]. Endorsed, "The decree agaynst Lady Savage and her Basterd Sonnes for all the Gresleyes lands."

476. LEASE, for lives, by John, Prior of Gresley, and the Convent there, to Nycolas Sharwynt, Margery his wife, and William Sharwynt, of a messuage and the mill at Seal. Rent, forty-eight shillings. Dat. 1 Sept., 18 Hen. VIII [1526]. Paper copy.

477. QUIT-CLAIM by Anne Browne de Uttoxator, nuper relicta Willelmi Browne, to William Wakelen de Rostlaston, of her dower lands in Rostliston. Witnesses. 1 Feb., 27 Hen. VIII [1536].

478. GRANT by William Gresley, arm., fil. et her. Georgii Gresley, mil., to Walter Aston, fil. et her. appar. Edwardi Aston, mil., Edward Littelton, junior, and Thomas Rowley, gent., of his manors of Colton and Kyngston, co. Staff., and

all his possessions in Colton, Kyngston Parva, Loxley, Bloxwiche, Caldway, Locshill, Colwiche, Newland, Blythford, Blythbury and Rydware, co. Staff., to hold in trust for the said William and Katharine his wife, and their heirs male. Dat. ——, 2 Edw. VI [1548-9].

479. GRANT by Edward Pease and James Wilsone to William Foorde, de Shele, of a cottage in Seal (now in the occupation of the Churchwardens, and formerly given for the perpetual support of a lamp in Seal Church), which they lately acquired by grant from the Crown. Dat. 8 Sept., 3 Edw. VI [1549].

480. RELEASE by Anne,[1] daughter of John, late Duke of Cleve, Guligh, and Barry, and sister to William, "nowe Duke of Cleve, Guligh, and Barry and countie of Marke, Ravensburgh and Sutfyn, and also Lorde of Ravesten", to Francis Bryneton and Edward Cholmeley, executors of the last will and testament of William Cholmeley, esquire, "late our servaunte deceased, and whiles he lived Coferer of our Householde", of all actions and suits arising against them "by reason of the admynistracion or Executorship", for the space of one year, viz., from 30 Sept., 4 Edw. VI [1550], to 1 Oct., 5 Edw. VI [1551]. Dat. 20 Dec., 5 Edw. VI [1551]. Signed "Anna the dowghter off Cleues", and sealed with her seal of arms.

481. QUIT-CLAIM by Edward Wynter, esquire, and Katharine his wife, daughter of George Gresley, Knt., deceased, to William Gresley, Knt., son and heir of the latter, in consideration of 400 marks, and in fulfilment of an award made by John, late Duke of Northumberland, "by name of" John, Earl of Warwick, Lord Chamberlain of England, and Lord William Pagett of Beaudesert, "by

[1] Anne of Cleves, marr. to Henry VIII in 1540. Divorced 1541; died 1557.

name of" Lord William Pagett, K.G., and Comptroller of the Household, on 1 April, 2 Edw. VI [1548], of all those messuages, lands, etc., in Okethorpe, Donisthorpe, and Lynton, co. Derb., of one pasture or meadow called "The Olde Lande", and another called "The Ley Closse", in Colton, co. Staff.; the said lands having been acquired by the above-named George Gresley by feoffment of Henry Ward, chaplain, and Thomas Gylbert, in trust for the said Katharine for a term of years not yet expired on 20 Oct., 29 Hen. VIII [1537]. Dat. 29 Sept., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary [1555].

482A. GRANT by John Copuldyke, de Harryngton, co. Linc., Knt., and Thomas Copuldyke, gent., his son, to William Forde, of Nether Seal, and John Forde his son, of certain lands and tenements, including the mill in Nether Shelley, *al.* Nether Sheale, all lately belonging to the Priory of Gresley, now dissolved, which were granted to the said John and Thomas by the Crown to hold by fealty only in free socage and not in chief, the said William and John to hold the same from the Crown by the same service. Dat. 23 Aug., 4 and 5 Philip and Mary [1557].

482B. Bond, in £200, between the said parties for the making of the above conveyance. Dat. 19 July, 3 and 5 Philip and Mary [1557].

483. EXEMPLIFICATION of the Charter of Edward II granting to Peter de Gresley (at the instance of Hugh le Despencer, junior) free warren in Gresley, Lollington, Linton, Donisthorpe, Drakelow, etc., co. Derby, Norton, co. Leic., and in Morton, Kingston, Hugtesdon [Hixon], co. Staff., and in Toft, co. Norf. Dat. 18 Feb., 4 Eliz. [1562]. With official seal, broken.

484. CONVEYANCE by Henry Berkeley, Lord Berkeley, in fulfilment of indentures of bargain and sale on the day

previous, to William Grisley, *al.* Greysley, of Colton, Knt., of all those manors or lordships of Russhelaston, *al.* Rostlaston, Coton *al.* Cotes, and Lynton near Lollington, and of all messuages, windmills and watermills, waters, fisheries, etc., thereto belonging, and the wood called Coton Park and Le Lawnde in Great or Nether Seal, and all lands and tenements, services, free warren, privileges, etc., belonging to the said Lord Berkeley in Rosliston, Coton, *al.* Cotes, Lynton, Gresley, Caldwall, Donisthorpe Lollington, and Walton-on-Trent. Dat. 11 Dec., 11 Eliz. [1568]. With seal.

485. EXEMPLIFICATION of extracts from the Book of Knights Fees in temp. Edw. I as follows: "Hundred of Repindon, Geoffrey de Greysley holds the manor of Drakelowe for one fee from Edmund, the King's brother, who holds it from the King; Geoffrey de Greysley holds Lollinton for one fee from the same Edmund, and he from the King; Nicholas de Segrave holds Cotes for one fee and for one Berselet [*i.e.*, hound]. Witness: William, Marquis of Winchester, Treasurer of England. Dat. Westminster, 12 Feb., 13 Eliz. [1571]. With official seal, broken.

486. ASSIGNMENT by Samuel King of a lease to him by John Glover of the mansion house in Great Seal called the High Grange, which was let to the said John for a term of 80 years by the now dissolved Abbey of Merivale in 10 Hen. VIII. Dat. 12 Mar., 15 Eliz. [1573].

487. GRANT by the Crown to Thomas Gresley, esquire, son and heir of the late Sir William Gresley, Knt., of his own wardship and marriage with an annuity of £20 from the possessions of the said Sir William; but, forasmuch as the Court of Wards is not yet assured of the extent and value of the said possessions, the said Thomas has undertaken to append to the present charter a schedule of them

with their extent, description, and value; and covenants to pay to the Court of Wards the said value over and above the £20 annuity. Dat. 16 June, 16 Eliz. [1574]. Signed by William Cecil, Lord Burghley. With official seal, broken. Attached is the schedule showing "the extent and clere value" and tenure of all the lands of which Sir William died possessed which have now descended to his son Thomas, being 20 years 6 mos. 20 days old at his father's death.

488. GRANT by William Cecil, Lord Burghley, as Master of the Court of Wards and Liveries, of the above lands, etc. (of which a schedule showing the value, etc., is attached), to the same Thomas Gresley. Same date and signature.

489. LEASE by Thomas Greisley, of Drakelow, esquire, to Ralphe Barker, his servant, of a tenement in Coton, co. Derby (now occupied by William son of the late Hugh Mallabour), for a term of 21 years to commence on the death of the said William. Witnesses: John Stafford; Peter Callyngewood; Arthur Houlden, etc. Dat. 20 Apr., 17 Eliz. [1575]. With signature "T. Gresley" and seal of arms.

490. GRANT by Thomas Stanley, of Tonge, co. Salop, Knt., and Margaret his wife, patrons of the church and rectory of Great Seal, to George Abell, of Seal, gent., of the next presentation to the same. Dat. 3 Oct., 18 Eliz. [1576]. With signatures and seals.

491. WILL of Thomas Hopkyns, of Northampton, mercer. Dat. 5 Jan., 23 Eliz. [1581]. With probate attached dated 4 Feb. 1580 [1], and having appended the seal of the Archdeaconry of Northampton.

492. LICENCE from the Crown to Thomas Gresley, esquire, that he may convey to George Gresley, gent., the manors of Over Seal and Nether Seal, and a hundred acres of land, etc., in the same places, which the said Thomas holds from the Crown in chief. Dat. 2 Sept., 32 Eliz. [1590]. With fine seal.

493. DEED OF SALE by Dame Mary Leveson, of Trentham, to George Curson, of Croxall, co. Derby, of the tenement called "The Antelopp" in Newcastle-under-Lyme, co. Staff., at present tenanted by Richard Clayton: with memorandum (on the back) of attornment of tenancy by the latter. Dat. 18 July, 33 Eliz. [1591]. Signed "Mary Leversone".

494. LEASE, for lives, by Thomas Gresley to Elizabeth Arnoulde, John Arnoulde, and Agnes his daughter, of the messuage and tenement in Nether Seal in which the said Elizabeth and John dwell. Witnesses: Arthur Gresley; Thomas Mosse; William Ryle. Dat. 2 June, 40 Eliz. [1598]. Signed.

495, 496. LETTERS PATENT, and transcript, of King James I, exempting George Graisley, Bart., and all his tenants within the lordships of Drakelow, Gresley, and Lullington (being parcels of the Duchy of Lancaster) from toll, pannage, passage, lastage, presage, pitage, stallage, murage or terrage. Dat. 30 June, 13 James I [1615].

497. INDENTURE whereby William, Lord Pagett, of Beaudesert, co. Staff., grants to Sir Thomas Gresley, of Drakelow, Bart., "for the settling and putting an end to all and all manner of differences that have or any manner of way may arise concerneinge raiseinge the height of the weare at the upper walke or fullinge mill at Burton upon Trent . . . . and that the said weare may for the tyme bee continued at the height that now it is without the hinder-

ance, lett, interruption or disturbance of the said Sir Thomas Gresley", an annuity of £4, payable out of the said fulling mill. Witnesses: Alexander Walbhall; Thomas Fisher; Solomon Clarke; Jonah Aldriche. Dat. 20 Sept., 1656.

498. EXEMPLIFICATION of recovery by Francis Burdett, Bart., and Charles Agard, gent., against Nicholas Willymot, esquire, and James Fullwood, gent., of the manors of Drakelow and Lullington, with the appurtenances and thirty-five messuages, two mills, and other tenements in Drakelow, Lullington, Castle Gresley, Church Gresley, Lynton, Rosliston, Caldwell and Stapenhill, and free fishing in the Trent from Walton to Stapenhill. Dat. 11 May 1657.

499. "ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, indented, concluded, and mutually and fully agreed upon" between William, Lord Paget, and the Hon. William Paget his son, and Sir Thomas Gresley of Drakelow, concerning the "weare of the upper fulling mill", the erection of a bridge at Stapenhill, viz., the Mare Yard Bridge, and the surrender by Sir T. Gresley of the £4 annuity granted him in 1656. [cf. No. 497.] Dat. 17 March 1676. Signed by Lord Paget and his son.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RIDEWARE CHARTULARY.

CARTULARIUM familiæ de Rideware, Dominorum de Sheile in com. Leic.; temp. Edw. II.

The original brief description of the volume is given in the following rubric (f. 3 *b*): "Thomas de Rydeware, fiz et heyr Wauter de Rydeware, fit fere cet livre en l'an de Reigne le Roi Edward fiz le bon Rei Edward le secunde, de tus le tenemans qu'il tint en sa mein en Rydeware, en Scheyle, en Fridlesham et en Ketelberstone et en Rossingthone." A detailed table of contents has been added on ff. 6, 6 *b*, 7, according to which the MS. originally contained 134 deeds. These immediately follow the table, and are numbered in the margins i-xix by the original scribe, and 20-134 in a modern hand. From time to time copies of deeds have been added, most of them being in hands but little later than the first hand, but a few as late as the 15th century. These are described at some length at the end of this article. The main contents are :—

1. Magna Carta de Warrenna, *i.e.*, Grant by King Edward II to Thomas de Rideware, of free warren in Ridware, co. Staff.; Sheile, co. Leic.; Friddlesham [Frilsham], co. Berks; and Cutalberston [Kettlebaston], co. Suff. 28 Aug., Anno 6 [1312], f. 7 *b*.

2. Carta de Mercato, *i.e.*, Grant by Edward II to the same, of a market every Monday at his manor of Sheile, and a fair on the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] every year, Berwick, 12 Mar., Anno 4 [1311]: with drawing of the King under a canopy, seated on a throne of Gothic work, holding sceptre, etc., f. 8 *b*.

3. Carta originalis de Sheile, *i.e.*, Grant by William de Ferrariis, Comes Derbeye, to William de Rydware, of the whole land of Ralph de Scheyle: with drawing of the Earl, in coat of mail, under a canopy, holding shield of arms, etc. f. 9.

4. Carta de perquisitione viii virgatarum in Duranthorp, *i.e.*, Grant by Bertram fil. Will. de Caldona to William de Rydware, of eight virgates in Donisthorpe. f. 9.

5. Deeds relating to Seal, co. Leic. (numbered v-xiii, xv-xix, 20-22, 26-36, 38-51, 77, 78, 86).

6. Grants, etc., in co. Derby: Derby (xiv); Willesley (23, 24); Stretton-in-the-fields (25); Crudekote in Peco (54, 55); Boylestone (56, 57, 76, 119, 132, 133); Bradbourne (60); Hartington (61*, 64, 128); Norbury and Roston (103-115).

7. Grants, etc., in co. Stafford: Needwood Forest (52, 65-71); Ridware (53, 57*, 57**, 72-76, 79, 81*, 82-84, 87, 120**, 124, 125, 127, 129-131); Lichfield (59); Woodhouses (62, 63); Boscum calumniatum, *i.e.*, Callingwood (65-71); Edingale (57*, 81, 85, 102, 120**, 124); Bromley (88); Hoarcross (126).

8. Grants, etc., in co. Berks: Frilsham (89-95, 99, 100, 117, 120, 134); Ilsley (100).

9. Grants, etc., in co. Suffolk; Kettlebaston (98, 101, 116, 117*, 118, 121).

10. Miscellaneous grants: in Rutindeclif (58); Hulton and Chalesford (61); Hanworth (120*).

11. Grant by Geoffrey de Gresley to Roger de Rydeware of Walter, fil. Pagani de Lintone, "cum tota sequela in curia Dom. W. de Ferrers, comitis Derb." (37).

12. Grant by Will. de Ferrers, Earl of Derby, to Walter de Rydeware, in marriage with Matilda Pecche (80).

13. Grant by the Abbot of Reading to Matilda Pecche of the prayers of the Abbey, 26 July 1270: with drawing of the mitred abbot with staff and book (97).

14. Grant of protection by Henry III to the same, her men and possessions, 4 Oct. Anno 49 [1265] (97*).

15. Copies of forty deeds relating to suits between Matilda Pecche and her kinsman Geoffrey Pecche, etc. Temp. Hen. III—Edw. I. ff. 46-52 *b*.

The later additions are as follows :—

1. Grant by Wm. de Rydeware Hamstal to Combermere Abbey, of eighty acres of arable land and twenty acres of meadow in Hertindon, near Le Cotes, and pasture for 300 sheep, dat. F. of Ass. of B.V. Mary [15 Aug.], 1252. f. 1 *b*.

2. Grant by the same to Nicholas de Ingwardeby and Cisilia his wife, of land and two parts of a watermill in Wyuelesleye [Willesley]. Undated. f. 1 *b*.

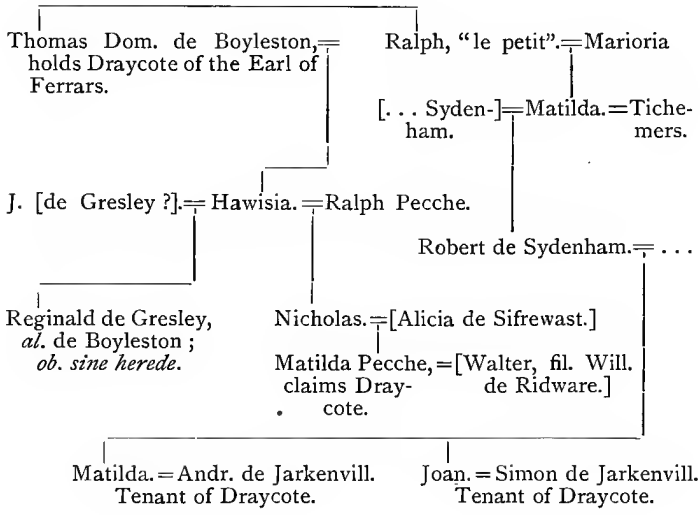
3. Memorandum concerning the lordship of Draycot under Needwood, viz., that "Thomas was formerly lord of Boylestone and held the said vill for half a knight's fee. And the same Thomas was lord of Draicote sub Nedwode, a member of the said vill of Boylestone, and held it from the Earl of Ferrars 'pro veneria', namely, that he should find one huntsman with a horse, and if the horse die in the Earl's service he, the Earl, shall find him another to ride." Item de predicto Thoma venit Hawysia filia et heres. Item de predicta Hawisia venit Reginaldus de Boyliston de J. patre, qui vocabatur Reginaldus de Gresley. Idem Reginaldus de Boyleston fuit mortuus sine herede et de[s]cendebat Nicholao Pecche filio Radulfi Pecche fratri predicti Reginaldi per Hawisiam matrem predictorum qui fuit recta heres predictarum villarum. Item de Nicholao Pecche venit Matilda Peche filia et heres que modo petit villam de Draycote cum fuit et est heres de jure.

Memorandum quod prenominatus Thomas habuit quendam fratrem qui vocabatur Radulphus le Petit et fuit venator suus ad sustinendum servicium domini Comitis pro villa de Draykote. Et disponsavit quandam mulierem de camera domini Comitis que vocabatur Marioria et genuit quamdam filiam que vocabatur Matilda de Tichemers. Item de predicta Matilda venit quemdam filium

(*sic*) qui vocabatur Robertus de Sydenham. Item de predicto Roberto venerunt duas filias (*sic*) Matilda et Johanna que tenent predictam villam de Draycote. f. 2.

4. Writ of Henry III to the bailiffs, "Edmundi filii sui de Tuttebury", that they hold, "sine dilatione plenum rectum Matildis de Pecche", in respect of a messuage and carucate of land with appurtenances in Draycote, which she claims to hold from the said Edmund by service of the fourth part of a knight's fee, from which Andrew de Jarkenuill and Matilda his wife, and Simon de Jarkenuill and Joan his wife, deforce her. Dat. Havering, 27 Aug., 56 Hen. III [1272]. f. 2.

These memoranda relating to the suit between Matilda Pecche and Matilda and Joan, "que tenent villas de Draycote", give the following pedigree :—



5. Claim by Walter, son of John Akard, against Roger de Ridware, of seven acres of land in Draycote. ff. 2 *b*, 3.

6. Deed showing the descent of William de Ridware, seneschal to Wm. Ferrars, Earl of Derby (circ. 1200), from

Asser Geun, lord of Le Nethertoun [Nethertown, a hamlet in Hamstall-Ridware], etc. French. f. 4.

7. Claims against Roger de la Zuche by (*a*) the Prior of Repton for common of turbary and heath in Donisthorpe, (*b*) Geoffrey de Greseleh for the same at Gresley, and (*c*) by Ralph Grim for the same at Swatlincote, Ethcote and Linton. f. 4 *b*.

8. Covenant of sale by the Nuns of Brewode and Blythebury to William de Rydeware, of the land of Julandes in Rydeware. f. 4 *b*.

9. Quit-claim by Walter, Prior of Dudley, to Roger de Rideware, lord of Sheile, of the advowson of St. Peter's church of Sheile [1275]. f. 5.

10. Quit-claim by Oky, fil. Alexandri le Broune de Sheile, to William, dominus de Rideware Hamstal, of an acre of land in Haselfeld in Sheile, *n. d.* f. 5.

11. Memorandum of settlement of suit between Dudley Priory and Roger de Rideware, the result of which is given above [*cf.* No. 9]. 1275. f. 5 *b*.

12. Quit-claim by Thomas de Rydeware, miles, to Merivale Abbey, of two plots of moorland and wasteland, namely, Le Shertwode, in Sheyle Parva, and La Gore, in Sheyle Magna. Dat. W. aft. St. John, a.p.l. [6 May], 6 Edw. II [1313]. f. 5 *b*.

13. Perambulation of the bounds between Hamstall and Nethartown. Inv. of H. Cr. [3 May], 13 Edw. I [1285]. French. f. 7 *b*.

14. Names, etc., of tenants "in Baronia de Stafford de feodo de Morteyn". f. 8.

15. Covenant made on Tu. bef. F. of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 8 Ric. I, before Will. Daubeny, Sheriff, Gilbert de Segrave and other Barons, whereby Alexander, fil. Jordani de Durandesthorp, quit-claims to Will. de Ridware, eight virgates of land in Donisthorpe. f. 20 *b*.

16. Grant by Matilda Peche, domina de Fridelesham, vidua, to the monks of St. James, Reading (in soul-alms for Dom. Nicholas Peche, her father, Alice Peche, her

mother, Dom. Oliver Dencourt and Dom. Walter de Rideware, her husbands, Dom. Ralph Peche, [and] Hawisia his wife, Nicholas and John her [*i.e.*, Matilda's] sons, Alice her daughter, Roger de Ridware and Alice his wife, and Richard le Valeis), of all her land called La Hyde in Frilsham, *n. d.* f. 44.

17. Quit-claim from Thomas de Ridware Hamstal to Thomas, fil. Thom. de Arderne, "frater meus", in Ridware Hamstall. Dat. Mor. of Purif. [3 Feb.], 6 Edw. II [1313]. f. 44 *b.*

18. Settlement of suits between Dom. Henry, fil. Dom. Will., fil. Herberti de Northbury, and Walter de Rydeware and Elena his wife, 1281. f. 56.

19. Grants by William de Ferrars, Earl of Derby, (*a*) to Roger de Rydeware, of three acres of land to increase his park, (*b*, *c*) to William de Rydeware, his seneschal, to enclose and increase his park. f. 56 *b.*

20. Grant by Will. de Greseleya to Will. de Rydeware of his land at Wodehus. f. 56 *b.*

21. Grant by Simon de Coule to Thomas, lord of Rideware Hamstal, in Rideware Hamstal, 4 Edw. II. f. 57.

22. Grant by Alice, wife of Walter Ka, to Simon Tyhe, in Rideware Hamstall, 12 Edw. I. f. 57.

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24. Lease by Thomas, lord of Rideware Hamstall, to Richard le Coupere, in Rideware, *n. d.* f. 57 *b.*

25. Grant by the same to Simon de Couleye in Rideware Hamstall, *n. d.* f. 58.

26 Fine from William, Earl of Ferrars, to Ralph Grym, in Sheile, dat. Trinity Term, 3 John [1201]. f. 59 *b.*

27. Deeds relating to suits between Thomas de Rideware, lord of Seal and Merivale Abbey, 6-15 Edw. II. f. 60.

28. Grant by Phillip de Somervill, Knt., lord of Wichnor, to Thomas de Rideware, in Edingale, 18 Edw. II. f. 61.

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30. Quit-claim by William, son of Roger de Strettona, and Agnes his wife, dau. of Ralph de Seyla, to William de Rideware, of a rent in Seal, *n. d.* f. 61 *b*.

31. Inspeximus by Walter, son and heir of Thomas de Rideware of his father's grant to Richard Braybrok, parson of Cranesle, of the manor, etc., of Seal, 3 Edw. II (?). f. 62.

32. Inquisition concerning all lands, etc., in Church Seal, with names of tenants, made at Tutbury in 1331. f. 62 *b*.

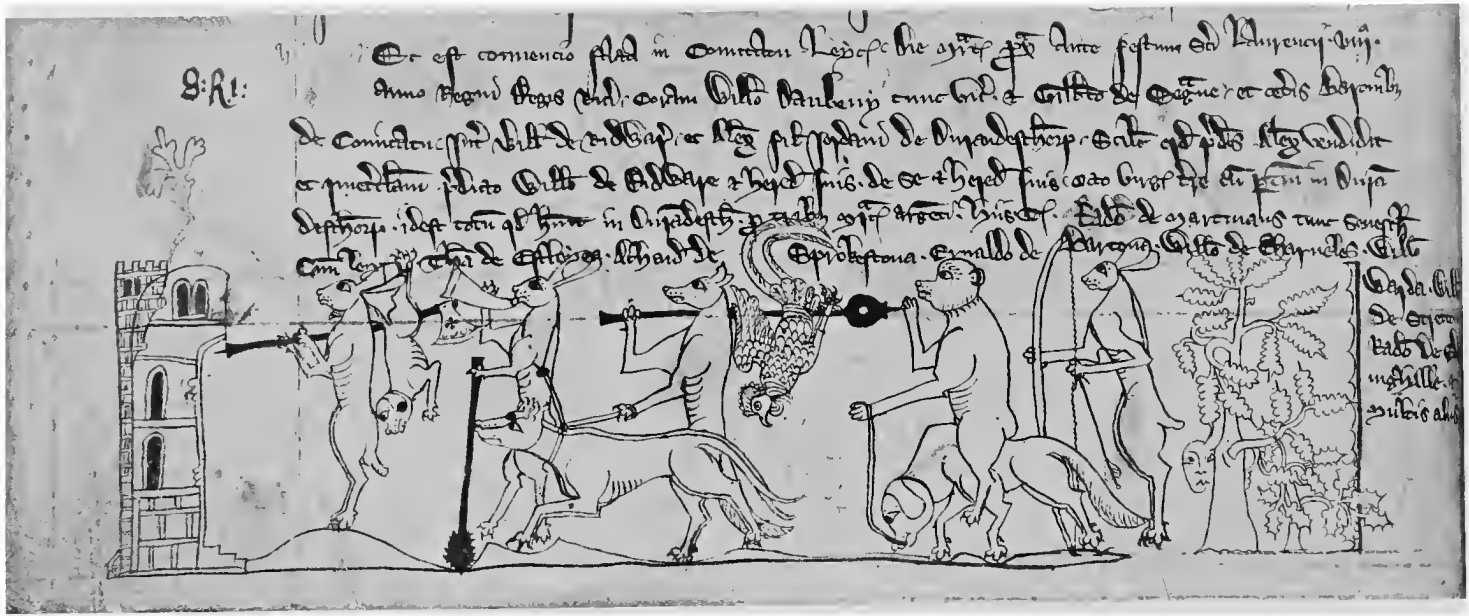
33. Lease by Thomas de Rydeware, Knt., to Walter Waldeschef, of the manor of Frilsham, 1323. f. 62 *b*.

34. Pleas at Leicester concerning an alleged unlawful seizure of common in Seal by Merivale Abbey, 31 Hen. III. f. 62 *b*.

35. Miscellaneous memoranda relating to Seal. ff. 63, 63 *b*.

36. Records of fines from Richard de Twiford, chaplain, to Isabel, sometime wife of Thomas de Rideware, of lands in Edingale, 6 Edw. III. f. 64.

In addition to the pen-and-ink drawings described above there are others of considerable merit, on ff. 9, 15, 17, 20, 22 *b*, 23, 26 *b*, 27, 33, 35, 36 *b*, 37, 56 *b*. These were described in detail by Miss M. Gresley in 1860, 1861, for the Anastatic Drawing Society, of which the Rev. J. M. Gresley was sometime Secretary. As a rule the drawings are appropriate to the subject of the deeds which they illustrate, as, for instance, that on f. 23, a pig eating acorns under an oak tree, which accompanies a grant of pasture and pannage for pigs in Needwood Forest; or that on f. 15, a tree, with two magpies and two owls, which adorns the grant of a wood in Seal. There is a tendency to the grotesque in a few of the illustrations, notably that in the lower margin of f. 20 *b*, of which the following is Miss



Gresley's description in the above-quoted publication:—"It appears to be a mediæval representation of a phenomenon which is still in progress—the world being turned upside down. Coming home to a castle from hunting in a wood is a hare erect on her hind legs, and carrying a hound suspended by his legs from an axe; another hare follows blowing a horn and holding a mace; then comes a fox carrying a cock upon a lance (?) and leading a brace of greyhounds; next a bear riding upon a hound; and lastly, another hare carrying a bow and arrows." The object which is tentatively called a lance is perhaps a spit. Illustrations of a similarly humorous character, but in colours, are found in Royal MS. 10 E. IV (British Museum), especially on ff. 48 *b*, 49, 56 *b*, 57, 57 *b*, 59 *b*, 62, 63 *b*, 64. The volume (large 4to) has a handsome modern binding of dark brown leather stamped with an elaborately ornamental pattern.

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